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BRITISH OFFICERS NOT WANTED.

Delegate's Sneer at So-Called Martial Races.

INDIAN SANDHURST?

Rugby, Yesterday. Presiding over the Defence Sub-Committee of the Round Table Conference to-day, Mr. J. H. Thomas, referring to the Indianisation of the Indian Army and the establishment in India of a Military College, said that if all recruitment of British Officers ceased on the day of output from an Indian Sandhurst, and if its output was calculated to meet normal wastage, it would be about 35 years before the last British Officer was eliminated from the Indian Army. If in accordance with the views expressed it was not desired that the British Officer Recruitment should cease immediately, then the period would be 35 years after the last British Officer is recruited.

Not Necessary. But a complete Indianisation of the Army was not preliminary necessary to the full attainment of responsible Government. Thus, all the Dominions still depended on the British Navy for protection. Those who were soldiers with War experience would realise that an entirely new creation of the Officer Class was not simply a question of calculation alone. The question of defence was too vital to take chances and that aspect must weigh with Indians more when they became responsible for their country.

The question to be examined was what was a safe and wise rate of substituting Indian for British Officers in the Indian Army, and whether it was desirable to eliminate British Officer at the earliest period, assuming there was a common object in view, namely, the protection and defence of India.

The Government had no objection to a declaration favouring Indianisation and carrying with it a definite recommendation for the establishment of a Military College in India, but such establishment need not involve a discontinuance of the existing practice of a limited number of Indian students attending the Sandhurst College in England, which had obvious advantages.

"So-Called Martial Races." Sir Tej Sapru urged the speeding up of Indianisation. Sir Phiroze Sethna pointed out that Indian Military ability was not confined to the so-called martial races.

Mr. Moonje thought that all recruitment in India should be among Indians and that the Indian Government should recruit in Britain any British Officers they required. Sir Mirza Ismail thought the elimination of British Officers undesirable, even if practicable, and that there should be at first a fixed percentage of Indian Officers which would be increased in the light of experience. Mr. Jennah declared that India was capable of making good the wastage without further recruitment of British students, who should also be encouraged to enter the Indian Sandhurst. Mr. Thomas is drafting a series of resolutions focussing the issues raised in the discussion.—British Wireless Service.

Vital Issues. The completion of the work of the Federal Structure sub-committee, which had under examination some of the most intricate and vital issues before the delegates, marks a definite and extremely important stage in the Round Table Conference. The progress made, and consistently sympathetic reception of the claims put forward by the Indian delegates throughout the proceedings has impressed even the most sceptical critics of the conference in India itself.

The importance of Lord Reading's acceptance of the principle of responsibility, at the centre, which marked a definite advance on the views previously credited to him is reinforced by the speech by Lord Lothian, another Liberal delegate, who yesterday expressed the view that "the only remedy for irresponsibility was responsibility." It was understood by Lord Reading's statement that the Government warmly welcomed Lord Reading's speech, and that he personally believed it was

SIR GEORGE SYMES.

APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF TANGANYIKA.

RESIDENT OF ADEN.

London, Yesterday. It is officially announced that Lt.-Col. Sir George Stewart Symes, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., Resident and Commander-in-Chief of Aden since 1928, has been appointed Governor of Tanganyika in succession to Sir Donald Cameron.—Reuter.

[Sir George was born in 1882, his mother being the Hon. Emily Catherine Shore, sister of the fifth Baron Teignmouth. He entered the Army in 1900 and served in the Boer War, and took part in the Blue Nile expedition in the Sudan in 1908. He served throughout the Great War and was appointed Assistant Director of Intelligence to the Sudan Government, and Private Secretary to the Sudan and Governor-General of the Sudan. Sir George was Governor of the Northern District of Palestine from 1920-25, and Chief Secretary to the Government of Palestine from 1925-28.]

APPOINTMENTS.

The King's Exequatur empowering Herr Franz Winkler (Shanghai) to act as honorary Austrian Consul-General in Hong Kong has received His Majesty's signature.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Quentin Allison Ashby Macfadyen to be an Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs with effect from January 3. It is notified that Mr. Edward Lewis Agassiz has resumed duty as Official Receiver in Bankruptcy and Registrar of Trade Marks and Letters Patent.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Ernest Philip Henry Lang to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court, Official Administrator and Registrar of Companies. His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Lancelot Ruggles Andrews to act as Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court.

along such lines that a solution would be found.

The Conservative delegates, Sir Samuel Hoare and Lord Peel, have made guarded but nevertheless sympathetic contributions, emphasising the unquestionable difficulties inherent in the task of constitution building, and desiring to see more of the details filled in before expressing approval of the picture.

Doubtless the Prime Minister's statement of Government Policy, which he will make after a careful study of all the reports of the committees in a week or ten days, will give a clear indication of the final proposals.

Business Committee.

One phase is indicated by the establishment, by the Business Committee, which directs the studies of the conference, and over which the Secretary for India, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, presides, of a sub-committee under Lord Russell's chairmanship to deal with the question of constituting Sind as part of a province. This has been a community problem on which Hindus and Moslems have failed to reach an agreement. Their conversations are still continuing, and yesterday Dr. Moonje expressed Hindu approval of the idea of referring the questions to an arbitration, suggesting the names of Professor Gilbert Murray and Gandhi, as men whose arbitration he was prepared to accept.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister is drafting a summary of the arguments put forward in the Minorities sub-committee, in the form of a report on which the discussions will be resumed next week.

In British circles, there is a strong desire that this age-long problem be resolved, since it is obviously one of the fundamental issues a solution of which is essential to the building of a new constitution. In spite of the setbacks, hopes are strong that this will be effected, for in the smile of Lord Sankey, the conference is constructing a new house of such a kind that Hindus and Moslems desire the advantage of review, let it together in peace. But it is still felt that this is a decision which the communities can only make for themselves.—British Wireless Service.

AIR DISPLAY FOR THE ARGENTINE.

British Fighting 'Planes to "Do Their Stuff."

THE PRINCE'S VISIT.

Rugby, Yesterday. Preparations for the departure next week of the Prince of Wales to the Argentine, where he will perform the opening ceremony of the British Empire Industries Fair at Buenos Aires in March, are nearing completion. In view of the nature of the main function in which he will take part the Prince and his Secretariat have had a series of interviews with British commercial men engaged in Argentine trade and have taken every precaution to be fully informed as possible on local conditions.

The Prince's own Moth aeroplane, in which His Highness hopes to undertake some of his travelling in South America, has been sent to Gibraltar where it will visit Buenos Aires in connection with the Exhibition.

In addition to her normal equipment, including a flight of Faircy Flycatchers, the flight of Faircy three T.S., and the flight of Blackburn Torpedo Bombers, the Eagle will carry a Hawker Nimrod Aeroplane, which has been selected as a successor to the Flycatcher and is the fastest fleet fighter in the world, capable of a speed of 200 miles hourly. An improved Faircy Three F. will also be on board.—British Wireless Service.

PRINCESS ROYAL.

KING AND QUEEN RETURN FOR FUNERAL.

PARTY CANCELLED.

Rugby, Yesterday. Their Majesties the King and Queen, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of York and the Duke of Gloucester, returned to-day to Buckingham Palace for the funeral of the Princess Royal at Windsor to-morrow. The afternoon party at the Palace for the delegates of the Round Table Conference was cancelled on account of the Court one of the functions which was mourning, but the King and Queen will receive the Indian Delegates honoured to-day when Edinburgh conferred the Freedom of City on the Nawab of Bhopal and Sir Srinivasa Sastri.—British Wireless Service.

KOWLOON BURGLAR.

ARRESTED AFTER A BRIEF CHASE.

JAIL SENTENCES.

Appearing before Mr. Batters at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Detective-Inspector Fallon charged two Chinese, Chan Shiu-fai and Kwan Hing, with breaking into No. 4 Parkes Street on January 9 between midnight and 4.45 a.m. and stealing 11 pieces of clothing, the property of Chan Pui, a shop fohi.

Defendants were stated to be walking along Parkes Street. On sighting a Chinese detective the second defendant, who was carrying a bundle, dropped it and ran. Both men were arrested and taken to the Police Station, where they admitted their offence.

House breaking implements were found on first defendant, including a piece of wire, used for hooking articles through windows.

Sentence of four months' imprisonment was imposed.

AIR MAILS.

SERVICE BETWEEN WUCHOW AND CANTON.

According to instructions from the Director-General of Posts, an air mail service between Canton and Wuchow, and vice versa, has been authorised.

The first air mail flight will be inaugurated on Friday, January 16, and arrangements have been made for Wuchow-Hong Kong mails to reach Canton in time to catch the afternoon boats leaving for Hong Kong.

BRIGHTEST PAGE IN HISTORY.

Happy Consumption to a Long Struggle.

ONLY A FEW BLOWS.

London, Yesterday. Sir Srinivasa Sastri, acknowledging the conferment of the Freedom of Edinburgh at Usher Hall, said that he was divesting himself of premature confidence when he said that they yesterday had heard the chairman (Sankey) of one of the most important Round Table sub-committees, say that at the next plenary session of the Conference Mr. Ramsay MacDonald would make a statement which would go far to satisfy the aspirations and desires of the Indian people. (Loud applause.) The brightest chapter in the history of Britain was being written to-day at St. James's Palace, wherein would be recorded for the benefit of succeeding generations the story of how a long struggle came to a happy consummation with no more than a few imprisonments and a few lathi blows.—Reuter.

LOAN TO CHINA.

U.S. Bankers Interested In The Proposal.

New York, Yesterday. The possibility of the States joining other countries in order to extend a large silver loan to China has greatly interested bankers and financiers, as they believe that not only China but the United States will benefit therefrom, since China is a potential consumer of the wheat surplus in the United States and Canada. Bankers emphasise, however, that they have publicly offered the Chinese a loan completely and question whether it will have to take the form of International or Government credit.—Reuter.

SPANISH AIR FORCE TO BE ABOLISHED.

To Become A Section of the War Ministry.

SEQUEL TO REVOLT.

Madrid, Yesterday. Following the recent insurrection of the Spanish air force, headed by Major Franco, the air force at Cadres has been dissolved. The officers will be readmitted after their applications have been examined. The existing administration will be abolished and the air force will become a section of the War Ministry.—Reuter.

GALES.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: A strong anti-cyclone is now central over the lower Yangtze Valley. The depression has deepened considerably and moved to the North of Tokyo. Monsoon gales prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. Forecast:—N.E. gales; N. winds; strong, fine.

NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL.

London, Yesterday. The Earl of Clarendon left to-day for South Africa, where he will take up the Governor-Generalship, in succession to the Earl of Athlone.—Reuter.

COAL CONFERENCE BREAKS DOWN.

Wages Reduction the Stumbling Block.

STOPPAGE TO CONTINUE.

London, Yesterday. The Cardiff conference between coal owners and miners, arranged following Government intervention, has broken down. Wages Reduction. The Cardiff coal parleys broke down because the miners declined to agree that the independent chairman of the new conciliation board should decide the question of wages reduction, and insisted that the matter should be settled between the parties.

Both miners and owners accepted the invitation of the President of the Board of Trade to meet him and Mr. Shinwell, Minister of Mines, in London on Monday; therefore the stoppage in the South Wales coalfields will continue for at least another week, for even if the terms are agreed to in London, they must be approved by the delegates from all lodges before work can be resumed.—Reuter.

[An earlier message stated:—The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, and the Secretary for Mines, Mr. Shinwell, to-day received a deputation from the South Wales Miners' Federation, who desire the Government to induce the owners in South Wales to accept the National Industrial Board's recommendation on the present dispute.]

Earlier News.

Rugby, Yesterday. The hope that the South Wales mine stoppage will be settled to-day is strengthened by the announcement that the miners' leaders have agreed upon the terms which, if all has gone well at the meeting with the owners at Cardiff to-day, they will send to the men for confirmation.

Provisional steps have been taken for a resumption of work to-day.—British Wireless Service.

RUHR COAL STRIKE.

DISPUTE EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE SOON.

PRESIDENT'S ACTION.

Berlin, Yesterday. President Von Hindenburg has exercised his special constitutional authority in vesting the Government arbitrator in the Ruhr coalfields dispute with greater power. It is expected that the dispute will conclude to-morrow by a six per cent. reduction in wages, which will compromise the employers and workers viewpoints.—Reuter.

COTTON CRISIS.

OWNERS ADVISED TO CLOSE THEIR MILLS.

LOCK-OUT INVOLVED.

London, Yesterday. The control committee of the Cotton Spinners Manufacturers' Association, Manchester, has unanimously recommended members of all local associations to close their mills on January 17, unless the dispute is settled in the meantime. This will involve a lock-out of 200,000 workers.—Reuter.

TRADE WITH CHINA.

DECLINE DUE TO DROP IN VALUE OF SILVER.

BRITAIN'S POWER.

Washington, Yesterday. In connection with the Senate inquiry into the causes of the decline of American trade with China, Senator Pittman pointed out that it was the result of a similar drop in the value of silver, and China's purchasing power.

He hoped Britain would stop the release of silver bullion from India. He considered that silver would revert to a normal price if sales were suspended for three years. It was merely a matter of persuading Britain that the establishment of the gold standard in India was impossible.—Reuter's American Service.

TRAFFIC IN OPIUM.

PLAN FOR LIMITATION OF MANUFACTURE.

DRUGS NOT EXCLUDED.

Europe to Blame?

Geneva, Yesterday. The League of Nations advisory committee on the traffic in opium opened its fourteenth session to-day with Signor Vasconcellos (Portugal) as Chairman. The committee decided to take as the basis of discussion the draft convention submitted by Sir Malcolm Delivigne, embodying the plan limiting the manufacture drafted by the advisory committee last year, and modified by the Board of Trade in November. It is understood, however, that the question of extending the proposed draft convention to drugs was not covered by the Geneva Opium Convention, but is by no means to be excluded.—Reuter.

Foreign Powers and nationals

are held to blame for most of the evils of the opium and narcotic traffic, in an official statement issued to-day by the Foreign Office, which is manifesting considerable interest in the Opium Suppression Conference at Geneva.

China during the past two years, it is claimed, has been exerting great efforts to suppress the traffic. Many new regulations have been promulgated, the effect of which has been most encouraging.

The statement continues to declare that the evils of opium and the imperative necessity for exterminating the scourge are continually stressed at public gatherings during the "Anti-Opium Week," and at the weekly memorial services, in the daily press, magazines and other periodicals. Many public bodies and Government departments are also putting their shoulder to the wheel.

Publicity and Control.

The National Anti-Opium Association of Shanghai, with branches in various parts of the country, is very active in conducting publicity as to the infractions of the regulations; while the Customs has been always alert in the detection of contraband smuggling.

Arrangements have also been made for the control of the national trade in opium, while the importation and sale on narcotic drugs will be undertaken by a National Agency, which is being formed by the Ministry of the Interior.

The amount of such narcotics to be imported will be determined annually by the State Council.

Pharmacies will be designated as agencies for the distribution of drugs.

Ports of entry into China will be limited to Shanghai.

Alleged Foreign Traffickers.

Unfortunately, says the official statement, the illicit traffic still prevails, and it is being carried on largely by foreigners.

In 1929, the Chinese Maritime Customs seized more than five thousand ounces of cocaine, approximately ten thousand ounces of morphine, three thousand ounces of heroin, six thousand ounces of opium and ten thousand hypodermic needles.

The drugs were imported by Japanese, Australians, Germans, Swiss, Russians, Hungarians, French, British and Koreans.

Colonial Policy Handicap.

In the South Sea Islands, where, says the statement, there are several millions of Chinese suffering from the bondage of addiction to opium, the problem presents a totally different aspect.

The Colonial Governments of the Straits Settlements, the Malay States, Hong Kong, Dutch East Indies, French Indo-China, Macao and Formosa have adopted a Government Opium Monopoly policy.

The greater portion of the revenue from this source is necessarily derived from Chinese residents, and the Chinese Government is helpless to relieve them. Therefore, it is most difficult for China to succeed in the task of opium suppression until the interested Powers are prepared to make a real sacrifice and co-operate with China in the fullest measure.—Reuter.

LIMEHOUSE THE ELITE.

Ascension in the Social Scale.

PAST AND PRESENT.

London, Dec. 1.

Limehouse, once the bad boy of London, has gone to church. Only the crooked little streets and the low, ramshackle buildings remain as the crumbling skeleton of a vicious underworld haunt.

On the famous Pennyfield street, Chinese still stand mute and expressionless in the doorways of their tiny shops. But the opium den in the rear of just around the corner is more. The oriental to-day, if he is lucky, is able to smuggle in only enough of the drug for a quiet, private pipe. At night bridge lights flood the paths where once menacing figures slunk along in protective darkness.

Limehouse Causeway: The setting of hundreds of lurid tales of action. Here, one is told, that not so many years ago human life was held as cheaply as a pint of ale. The Thames daily gave up bloated victims. A slit tongue, an amputated hand told of sharp knives in kimono sleeves.

Thieves' Kitchen.

Drunken sailors from all ports in the world brawled in safety. It was the frying pan of Thieves' Kitchen, too tough for the toughest police. On their rare visits to this section the officers went in pairs. Few arrests ever were made. The Chinese with typical stoicism knew nothing.

To-day, a game of fan-tan isn't even allowed and a tipsy sailor on the warpath finds himself in the custody of a stalwart policeman in "jig" time. A kindly police sergeant listened with tolerant amusement at this correspondent's tale of the Limehouse of olden days and said:

"Yes, it was a tough spot. But it is ever so tame now, you know. Rawther depressing, tough. No trade, no money, no work and little spirit. 'Murders? No, the lad, there's more of that kind of stuff among the posh these days than down here.'"

A Chinese ambled by and waved at the officer.

"Look at that," the sergeant added, "most law-abiding race in the world, the Chinese. We have no trouble at all with them."

One thing the Chinese section has not lost is the peculiar smell of the Orient. Anna May Wong, famous movie star, once guided her party that had become lost, to Limehouse.

"I could tell it simply from the smell," she explained.

On the path of its reformation, Limehouse cast away its dens houses, questionable havens of human derelicts from whose association came new criminals and more crime. In their stead have sprung up clean, comfortable hotels owned by the Salvation Army and similar institutions.

Here bed and breakfast can often be obtained as cheaply as 15 cents and the lodger is assured he won't be robbed as he sleeps.—United Press.

ABANDONED GIRL.

In yesterday's issue of the China Mail the following was stated:—

"A paragraph, bearing a note of sympathy was contained in the Police reports this morning. It stated that a Chinese girl, said to be about eight years of age, was found abandoned in a rattan basket, on the roadside, on the Kau Lung Hang bend at Tai-po. The child was extremely weak, so much so that she was unable to speak. She was stated to be almost a skeleton.

She was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital." In connection with the affair, a farmer, Wong Kiu, (60), a native of Shataukok, living in an unnumbered hut at Kowloon Hang, Tai-po, has been arrested and detained for enquiries.

TAIPO BURGLARY.

Mrs. Clarke, living at "White Cottage," Tai-po, has reported to the Police that between 8 p.m. on January 8 and 9.30 p.m. on January 7, some person stole from her bedroom jewellery and other articles to the total value of \$550.

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LON CHANEY IN WOMAN'S PART.

"THE UNHOLY THREE."

Imitating a woman's voice is comparatively easy, playing a woman on the screen is nevertheless a difficult task, according to Lon Chaney, who performs this feat in "The Unholy Three," his first talking picture, which is showing in the Queen's Theatre.

As the sinister ventriloquist in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production he hides from the Police in the disguise of an old woman. "The hardest thing is to learn how to walk like a woman and keep one's shoulders from swinging, and the cultivation of the gestures and mannerisms of the characters," says Chaney. He uses five voices in the new mystery thriller, in which Lila Lee, Elliot Nugent, Harry Earles, Ivan Linow, and Clarence Burton appear.

"THE VAGABOND KING."

Dennis King, who has been hailed as the talking-singing screen's newest apostle of romanticism, is, above all, a gentleman.

While he was working on the production of "The Vagabond King" at Paramount's Hollywood studio, King was asked to tell his ideal of womanhood.

"First of all," said the famous Broadway musical comedy singer, "she must be a blonde—that is, she must have a blonde personality. Many brunettes have it."

Nothing could have been more typically chivalrous of Dennis King than those words. Blondes and brunettes alike will find flattery in them.

And it is well that King's opinion is so all-inclusive, for he is going to gain thousands of admirers among the blondes and brunettes before his great picture "The Vagabond King" is many weeks old. Women just seem to "go for" this dashing, romantic young lyric actor in a great big way.

In "The Vagabond King" Dennis King has a blonde leading lady. She is Jeanette MacDonald, the dazzling charmer of Broadway musical comedy fame, who sang her way into the hearts of film enthusiasts everywhere with her splendid portrayal of the role of Queen Louise in Maurice Chevalier's "The Love Parade."

"The Vagabond King" is based on the opera of the same name which ran for more than a season on Broadway. The original Rudolph Friml songs will be heard again when the picture comes to the Central Theatre to-day.

Others in support of Dennis King in the picture are Warner Oland, O. P. Heggie, and Lillian Roth, and hundreds of extras who were chosen for their roles on the basis of their ability not alone to act but also on the basis of their accomplishments as singers.

"OUR BLUSHING BRIDES."

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer rented an entire department store for the interior scenes in "Our Blushing Brides," Joan Crawford's new starring vehicle commencing to-morrow in the Queen's Theatre.

For the store scenes, the May Company building in Los Angeles was hired for the day and store workers put on the studio pay roll as extras. Sound equipment was moved into the building, as well as complete studio lighting and power plants.

Harry Beaumont directed the new Crawford film with Robert Montgomery playing opposite the star. Anita Page and Dorothy Sebastian share feminine honours and the supporting cast includes Raymond Hackett, John Miljan, Hedda Hopper, Gwen Lee, and Mary Doran.

VOLUNTEER CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

MACHINE GUN CO. PARADE.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are as under:—

PARADES.

Corps Band.

There will be a Band Practice at Headquarters on Monday at 5.30 p.m.

Camp Pay will be issued at Headquarters on the above date.

Battery.

There will be a parade at 5.15 p.m. at Headquarters on Thursday.

Engineer Company.
Mondays, January 12 and 19—Miniature Range shoot at 5.30 p.m.

Corps Signals.

Parade for Signal Instruction at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Machine Gun Troop.

Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday for Machine Gun instruction.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section—Parade on Monday, at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun instruction.

Motor Cycle Section—There will be a parade at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. on Monday for Machine Gun instruction.

Machine Gun Company.

Parade—Tuesday at Headquarters in uniform at 5.30 p.m.

Dress—Boots, hose tops, putties, shorts, tunics, helmet, belt, bayonet and rifle with sling. Fall in at 5.45 p.m. for arms and squad drill.

This is a company parade and every member is expected to attend.

M.G. Course Part 2—No. 4.

Platoon will fire this Course at Stonecutters on Sunday, January 18. Range Officer—2/Lieut. E. G. Stewart. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m. Uniform or multi optional, but belt, pouches and bayonet must be taken.

Scottish Company.

Parades, Thursday:—
No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters 5.30 p.m. under Captain H. R. Forsyth. Arms drill. Belt & frog will be worn.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. A. Duncan, M.B.E. Arms drill. Belt and frog will be worn.

Notice of all ranks is referred to Corps Orders No. 51/30 Para. 7—Field Day.

Portuguese Company.

Parades—The Company will parade on Friday, January 16 at Headquarters under Platoon arrangements.

Peak Range—The Peak Range is allotted to the Company on Sunday, January 18. Details will be issued later.

Field Day—All ranks are reminded of the Corps Field Day on Sunday, January 25.

Honour.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

To be an Ordinary member of the Fifth Class or Member (Military Division):—
Sergeant Major William Harold Edmonds.

Allotment of Ranges.

Miniature Range will be allotted to Portuguese Company on January 12, 16, 23, and 30.

Peak Range will be allotted to Portuguese Company on January 18.

Team For Revolver Match.

All members of the Corps, who are interested and proficient in revolver shooting are requested to forward their names as soon as possible to the Adjutant.

These are required to form a team to compete with the Sharp-shooter Company, Police Reserve. It is hoped that regular com-

GENERAL NOTICES

OLD BEDFORDIAN DINNER.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held on SATURDAY, January 17, at 8 p.m. All Old Bedfordians who have not yet done so are particularly requested to get into communication with the undersigned.

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petitions may be arranged to encourage keenness and produce efficiency in this important branch of training.

Hong Kong Rifle League.
All members of the Corps who wish to compete in the forthcoming Hong Kong Rifle League competitions are requested to forward their names as soon as possible to the Adjutant.

It is hoped to enter at least two teams for this competition, and with the large number of good shots in The Corps, it should be possible to enter more.

When the number of names is known range allotments for practice will be arranged.

Leave.
2/Lieut. J. F. Wright, No. 3 Platoon, returned from leave on January 9.

No. 56 Piper P. D. Wilson, Reserve Company, returned from leave on December 19.

Captain M. A. Johnson, M.M., Engineer Company, from 7.131 to 25.131.

No. 1528 Cpl. A. C. Beck, No. 4 Platoon, from 6.1230 to 5.131.

(Sgd.) W. H. G. COATER,
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Machine Gun Company Dance.
The Machine Gun Company Dance will not be held on January 31 as originally advertised, owing to Court mourning. The date has been postponed to February 28 at 9 p.m. in the City Hall.

TAIKOO CLUB.

PLANS FOR ANNUAL BALL.

Arrangements for this annual event at Quarry Bay are now well in hand. A willing band of workers, under the Chairmanship of Mr. D. B. Bone, are busy transforming the Club into a fairy palace for the evening of the 16th inst., although the splendid Hall of the Club needs very little in the way of decoration to make it one of the finest halls in the Colony.

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At the recent Saint John Exhibition, Ernest Houston of Hunter River, P.E.I., won the following prizes: 1st, Aged Boar; 1st, Boar under nine months; Grand Champion Boar; 1st, Aged Sow; 1st and 3rd, Sow over 18 months; 1st, Sow under nine months; 1st and 3rd, Sow with litter; Grand Champion Sow; 1st, Young Senior Herd; 3rd, Junior Herd and 2nd, Pen of Four Bacon Hogs. In connection with which the Summerville Journal remarks: "This is Mr. Houston's first showing at the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Fairs. His winnings stamp him as the outstanding Yorkshire breeder of the Maritimes."

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A COMPLIMENT.

To American Star's
Costume.

It is the habit of most smart French women to buy their clothes of one house and stick to that one for a number of seasons, according to Carolyn Putnam, style expert for the Paramount New York studio. But this practice, Miss Putnam explains, is not carried on by the American woman, because in a single shop in the United States she may purchase the cream of fashions selected from the entire output of all the famous French dressmakers.

"It is surprising," Miss Putnam said, "with what speed the American couturier is able to get models across that broad expanse of ocean and have them up for sale only a comparative handful of days after they have been shown in Paris. But this is true and American women benefit by it immensely."

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20 YARDS IN A SKIRT.

Nearly twenty yards of material formed the skirt, with its sunny pleats, of an evening frock in carnation mauve chiffon worn by Miss Betty Moore in the new comedy at the Royalty, "A Marriage Has Been Dis-Arranged," on December 9. It has a little bolero of shot to mauve and peacock blue and a much-embroidered swathed belt.

Cardigans in brilliant hues in the new suede velvet helped to make a gay second act. They were worn with tennis frocks, the scene of the play being a smart summer resort on the Bosphorus. Beautiful teagowns were worn by Lady Tree. The swathed belt fashion was again seen in her Empire teagown of peach-coloured velvet and lace, the belt being in turquoise-blue velvet.

Unusual sleeves were a feature of her other teagown in gold velvet. The long, tight sleeves were embroidered in gold up to the elbow, with cascades of lace falling from the wrists.

The classic line of Miss Mary Newcomb's white, georgette evening frock in the third act was strikingly simple. Over it she wore a white velvet evening coat with a very large collar of white ostrich feathers.

BARE-BACK FROCKS.

The Marchioness of Linlithgow appeared in a tomato-red coat and skirt with a large red felt hat, accompanied by Lady Mary Hope, in blue and a fur coat, and Lord Charles Hope, at the marriage on December 8 of Capt. I. A. Ralston, Highland Light Infantry.

His bride was Miss Patricia Barry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barry, and she was tall enough to carry well the wide, fan-shaped, train of velvet which fell from her waist in a velvet gown, and had a shaped frill of the same material all round the curved end.

Her tulle veil was even longer than this train, and she had a new kind of pearl-embroidered "fob" in the front of a ruffled bodice.

A curious choice for the four bridesmaids' dresses—also in ivory ring velvet—was revealed by a slight accident to one of the quartette. On arrival in the porch of St. Mark's Church, North Audley Street, the bow tied on one shoulder cape came undone, and beneath was a full bare-backed evening dress of the velvet, with only two pearl-embroidered shoulder straps, reaching to the waistline at the back.



MODERN BABIES.

A Common-Sense
Trousseau.

What lucky little people babies are to-day! Their emancipation from old-time tyrannies and restrictions has been as complete as in the case of their mothers.

No more binders made of long straight strips of flannel wound round and round the little body so tightly that the skin is pinched each time the lungs are expanded. No more long starched robes to chafe the tender skin. No more voluminous flannel petticoats and "underskirts" doubled over and pinned round the little limbs to restrict their movements.

I was looking at a modern baby's trousseau the other day and this is what I saw, says a writer in a Home paper. Dainty little garments of the softest materials designed specially with an eye to baby's comfort under all conditions. There was nothing to chafe and nothing to restrict. All the garments were of a sensible shortness. Even the first "long" clothes were only about a third of the length of long clothes in grand-mother's day. There was no waste of material about them either and their trimmings were as simple as they were dainty.

For the first few weeks of baby's life there were day and nightgowns in fine nainsook with narrow lace insertions or tiny sprays of hand-embroidered flowers round hem and yolk, severely plain flannels and nainsook petticoats slightly lace-trimmed or tucked. There were cosy wrap-over vests, hand-knitted in the finest wool and silk and wool mixtures and cosy house coats crocheted and knitted in soft coloured wool in fancy patterns. There were binders of double thickness flannel shaped to the body, bound with silk, and supplied with silk ties that could be adjusted to allow for body expansion. For colder days there were finely knitted body belts to take the place of the binders. Very elastic and comfortable these were, and a sure preventive of body chills.

Shortening Modes.
For the shortening stage the garments were very similar, only much shorter, so that the limbs could have free play when baby was left to kick about in his pram or cot or on his crawling rug. There were little hand-embroidered matinee coats in cashmere and others in hand-crochet, so that baby was well provided for in all weathers. Similarly there were outdoor coats in silk and cashmere, and others in rabbit wool.

For the crawling stage all sorts of cosy woollies were provided for knockabout wear. These included petticoats, crawlers, dresses, tunic outdoor coats and cosy fitting bonnets. For more important occasions dainty frocks of crepe de chine, soft silk, organdie and nainsook were carefully folded in sheets of tissue paper.

SYBIL THORNDIKE.

Glasgow, Dec. 2.

A picturesque period makes all the difference to a play, as Miss Sybil Thorndike certainly knows. In "The Matchmaker," which she played for the first time in Glasgow last night, the famous actress brought back much of the glory of old and colourful London. Every gown was a poem in itself, a lyrical mass of frills and flounces, billowing bustles and full petticoats.

With her gowns, Miss Thorndike wore a wig of auburn curls, swathed around with a most picturesque gold ribbon. In contrast to her natural flaxen shingle, the effect was startling.

Her first gown was in soft blending tones of shot brown and orange, the bustled overdress opening to show a petticoat of gold silk. The complete dress was bound and trimmed with bands of gold galon, and from her elbows fell frills of gold-tinted net. Gold cord laced the front of the corsege, and a sash arrangement of the dress material fell from the neckline to the waist, and again to the hem behind.

Tied With Gold.
The second gown was in tones of bright red and black, the petticoat of glowing scarlet satin under a dress of patterned silk, with the bustles tied up with gold. She was wearing this when she encountered Eva (Mrs. Darbyshire), who as a flashing brunette wore a gown of pale sea-green patterned with yellow. Cream net formed the hem of the under-dress, and appeared again at the tight-fitting corsege that surely fitted to the nineteen-inch waist of that picturesque period.

WHAT DO WOMEN ADMIRE IN MEN.

This fragment of revealing conversation is reported by Mr. St. John Ervine, who, after a discussion on the subject with some women friends, wrote up the debate for November Good Housekeeping. "I know it is very old-fashioned and reactionary and retrograde of me," said one woman, "but I like a man to be successful and to win



what he sets out to win, and I am sure that ninety-nine out of a hundred women feel as I do. We love success. When a man wins a race, isn't his girl delighted? Of course she is, and she loves to see all the other people envying her man to be first. We haven't any use for mediocrities and failures, although we sometimes have to put up with them. And quite right, too. The successful man is a guarantee that our children will be given a decent upbringing, healthy home, proper food, good clothes, the best education, a proper start in the world. No woman likes to think that the man she marries can't fend for her children. Ugh! I hate the weak-kneed and the chicken-hearted!"



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which the latter, flying the flag of Admiral Sir Arthur Wiestell, is to leave on December 2 for a cruise to Saigon, Bangkok and Singapore, says the *Times* in mail week.

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HATCH COVERS' CONTROVERSY.

Shipmasters and Officers Favour Steel.

The quarterly meeting of the Mercantile Marine Service Association was held at the headquarters, Liverpool, when the president, Captain C. H. Holtum, presided over a good attendance. Among the subjects of importance to the nautical profession which were under discussion, that which created the greatest interest was hatch covers, preference being shown by members for the steel instead of the wooden type which has been for so many years in universal use. Several of the members gave instances of the efficacy of the steel hatch cover and of its success in collier ships on the American coast and in the French Merchant Navy.

A member, opening the discussion, said the question had been thoroughly gone into by the Load Line Committee, and it was decided and marked down that steel hatch covers should predominate. The question of how they were going to handle the large covers was not decided upon, but, on the whole, he considered that steel covers were coming into more general use. The question whether steel covers should have a hinge in the centre or on the fore part had not yet been decided. Some were hinged on the fore part, and the whole body of the cover could be lifted up; he believed that French vessels had this kind of cover already in use for a 20-foot hatch, and it had proved very successful. He favoured the steel cover with the hinge on the forepart because he considered that if it had a hinge in the centre it would leak.

Steel covers were undoubtedly safer and stronger than wooden ones, said another member, provided they always remained intact, but it occurred to him that if the hatch covers were damaged or became twisted through bad weather or accident, it would be very difficult to make them watertight without some repairs being done that could not be effected on the ship. With regard to larger covers, they must have mechanical appliances to handle them, but with wooden covers they could be handled quite easily. Undoubtedly, steel covers were stronger, and would make a ship safer, so long as nothing happened to them.

A Great Disadvantage.

The president said his opinion was exactly the same. In the case of a steel cover, whether large or small, if it became twisted they could not straighten it on board the ship, whereas with a wooden cover they could. That, he considered, was a great disadvantage.

sidered, was a great disadvantage to steel covers. They all knew they were much stronger and better if they were looked after. He had never heard of a steel cover being damaged, and there were many ships now fitted with them.

It was further declared that there was no comparison between the old wooden covers and the steel ones. They had had the experience of wooden covers being stove in at a time when they could not be protected—only with a sail—and that was the best they could do owing to weather conditions; whereas if a heavy sea dropped on to a steel cover it might bend it a little, but they would be able to straighten it sufficiently to keep the seas out.

The secretary said that the recommendation of the Court in the inquiry into the loss of the *Radyr* was the adoption of steel hatch covers.

In the course of the discussion it was stated that the trouble with ships leaving Cardiff with coal cargoes was that they were not able to get the hatch covers on before the ship left, and the chances were that the ship would meet with an accident, whereas a steel cover could be screwed down quickly before the vessel left port. In reply to this, it was remarked that there was a local law in the Bristol Channel stipulating that hatch covers must be on before the vessel left any port in the Channel with a coal cargo.

The president said that was quite correct. The hatches must be battened down before the vessel sailed, except one hatch left open for ventilation.

A member here pointed out that though there was such a law, it was not carried out.

Hatches Not Battened Down.

The secretary remarked that that was a local by-law in the Bristol Channel, but he had heard of cases on the East Coast where ships went to sea without having their hatches battened down.

A shipmaster said the Board of Trade surveyors had orders to stop any vessel leaving port which had not its hatches securely fastened down. Some 15 or 20 years ago a Cardiff shipowner offered a reward to any of the masters, officers and engineers who could devise some effective steel cover, and he remembered there was a lot of controversy about it, but there was no definite decision. At one time a Cardiff firm was on the Admiralty list, and had to send out coal to Malta to the ships of the fleet. The masters and officers refused to take the vessels across the Bay of Biscay unless the ordinary hatches, in addition to being battened down, had planks laid across them and screwed down with wing screws, and then lashed across with wire.

Ships which were fitted with steel covers were running in a special-trade, such as tankers and American colliers, but he questioned very much whether steel covers would be a success in a general cargo ship, where they had a hatch 25ft. or 30ft. long, probably loading locomotives, or some big heavy lifts which might damage the hatch. Steel hatches should be made in the same shape as those in frozen meat ships.

An absent member supplied the following written statement of his views:—"I would strongly recommend pressure in the matter of steel covers, which, if adopted in the collier type, of which so many have been lost recently, life and property would have been saved. These are national losses, to be avoided by proper outlook in the future. We had them in the old City of Paris in 1890, and many colliers in the St. Lawrence trade are now fitted that way, which is the more necessary with the large openings for hatchways."

The president remarked that that letter was pretty conclusive evidence. The consensus of opinion was that steel covers were preferable to wooden ones.

Among other subjects discussed was the problem of obsolete tonnage, employment in the Merchant Navy, helm orders, railway concession to seafarers, and the Load Line.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Berwick—In Whampoa Dock.
Bruce—No. 7 buoy.
Cornflower—In dock.
Cumberland—West wall.
Herald—South wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Iroquois—North wall.
Marazion—East wall.
Medway—North arm.
Moorhen—In dock.
Odin—North arm.
Odris—East wall.
Oswald—East wall.
Otus—North arm.
Sepoy—No. 12 buoy.
Seraph—No. 4 buoy.
Serapis—No. 6 buoy.
Sirdar—No. 10 buoy.
Somme—No. 13 buoy.
Sterling—No. 10 buoy.
Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.
Tamar—Basin.
Thracian—North wall.
Foreign Man-of-War.
Vigilante—French gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The B.I. s.s. *Talma* left Singapore for this port on January 8, p.m., and is due here on January 13, p.m.

The C.F.S. R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* (from Manila) is due here at 9 a.m. on January 14 (Wednesday) and will berth at anchor off Kowloon Docks.

To Command New Canadian Pacific Giant



Captain H. G. Latta, more familiarly known to trans-Atlantic passengers as "Jack" Latta, has been selected to command the new 42,500-ton Canadian Pacific liner *Empress of Britain*. The promotion comes to Captain Latta after 26 years' service with the Canadian Pacific Steamships, which he joined in 1904 with the rank of 4th officer. In the next six years Captain Latta sailed with several ships and eventually became chief officer of the *Montezuma* in 1910. The expiration of seven years as chief officer saw his promotion to commander of the *Montezuma*. Six years later, in 1923, he anticipated promotion to the crack ship of the fleet by his appointment to her namesake, the *Empress of Britain*, which was later renamed the *Montezuma*. After a short interlude on the *Empress of Australia*, command of which he relinquished after covering the *Empress of Britain* to the Imperial Conference, in order to "stand by" the new *Empress of Britain* during the last stages of her construction.

During his many years as commander of Canadian Pacific liners on the St. Lawrence seaway, Captain Latta has conveyed many famous people across the Atlantic, numbering amongst his more distinguished clients H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, who launched his new command, *Prince George*, the Duke of Gloucester, Lord and Lady Willingdon, Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, Rt. Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Baron Byng of Vimy, former Governor-General of Canada and commander of the Canadian Corps in France, Prime Minister Ferguson, of Ontario, Lord Taveira of Pondicherry, physician-in-ordinary to H. M. the King, and many others distinguished in the fields of finance, politics and art.

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| COMORIN | 15,132 | 31st Jan. | Bombay, Marseilles & London. |
| *PERIM | 7,048 | 7th Feb. | Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp. |
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| KASHGAR | 9,005 | 17th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| KHIVA | 9,135 | 25th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| MALWA | 10,980 | 31st Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| *ALDIPRE | 6,273 | 1st Feb. | Moji & Kobe. |
| TANDA | 6,956 | 8th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama. |
| KHYBER | 9,114 | 14th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| *SOMALI | 9,114 | 20th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| BAWALPINDI | 16,019 | 28th Feb. | Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama. |
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LLOYD'S RATES.

WAR-RISK PREMIUMS TO BE
INCREASED.

London, December 15.
The Press devotes much attention
to the report launched by the
Sunday Times, that Lloyd's are
considering an increase in the rate of
war-risks insurance premiums on
freight by 5d., which would mean
an increase for the total world's
shipping of some 30 million marks.
Lloyd's action is stated to be due
to nervousness engendered by the
present political situation in
Europe.

The Daily Telegraph understands
that the project is only in the
initial stage as yet.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, Jan. 8.
Lematang, Dutch str., 1,476 tons,
Capt. W. J. Ahlers, from
Balikpapan, Yaumati Anchor-
age—J.C.L.L.
Tchekam, Chinese str., 806 tons,
Capt. Lai Yee, from K. C.
Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf—Ping
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Friday, Jan. 9.
Chak Sang, British str., 1,470 tons,
Capt. J. McAnish, from Can-
ton, buoy No. B32—J. M. &
Co.

Chengtu, British str., 1,338 tons,
Capt. W. D. Thomas, from
Canton, Taikoo Dock—B. & S.
Chipshing, British str., 1,199 tons,
Capt. S. O. Mitford, from
Tientsin, buoy No. B22—
J. M. & Co.

Clara Jebens, Danish str., 1,145
tons, Capt. J. Davidson, from
Canton, buoy No. B26—
Jebens & Co.

Dozan Maru, Japanese str., 978
tons, Capt. Y. Mishima, from
Canton, buoy No. B27—Wada
Jimusho.

Empress of Japan, British str.,
26,032 tons, Capt. S. Robinson,
C.B.E., R.N.R., from Vancou-
ver via Shanghai, Kowloon
Wharf—C.P.S.

Haruna Maru, Japanese str., 1,655
tons, Capt. S. Takezawa, from
Pamookan, Yaumati Anchor-
age—Hidaka & Co.
Hiroshi Maru No. 8, Japanese
str., 665 tons, Capt. Y. Akada,
from Canton, Yaumati Anchor-
age—M.B.K.

Jeyapore, British str., 3,209 tons,
Capt. W. L. Harris, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A4—
M. M. & Co.

Malta Maru, Japanese str., 3,402
tons, Capt. Yoshihara, from
Milke, buoy No. A18—Y.K.K.

Michigan, American str., 3,474
tons, Capt. R. C. Lechner,
from Manila, buoy No. A12—
States & Co.

Patrolas, British str., 6,910 tons,
Capt. C. T. Clark, from Singa-
pore, Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

Physis, British str., 2,438 tons,
Capt. W. P. Thomas, from
Shanghai, Kowloon Bay—
A.P.C.

Pilsna, Italian str., 8,040 tons,
Capt. Luppis, cav. Guiseppe,
from Singapore, Kowloon
Wharf—Dodwell & Co.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377
tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from
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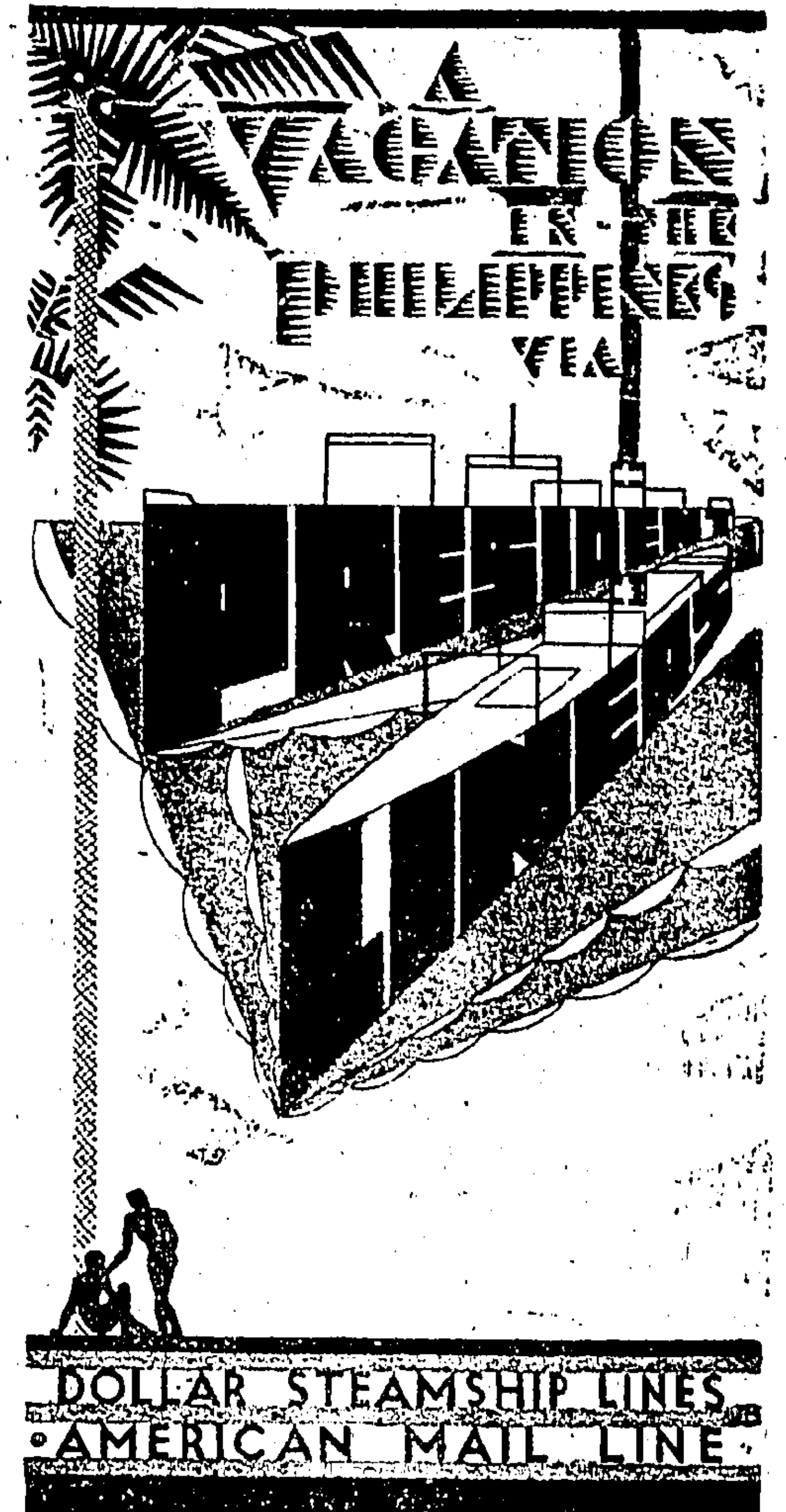
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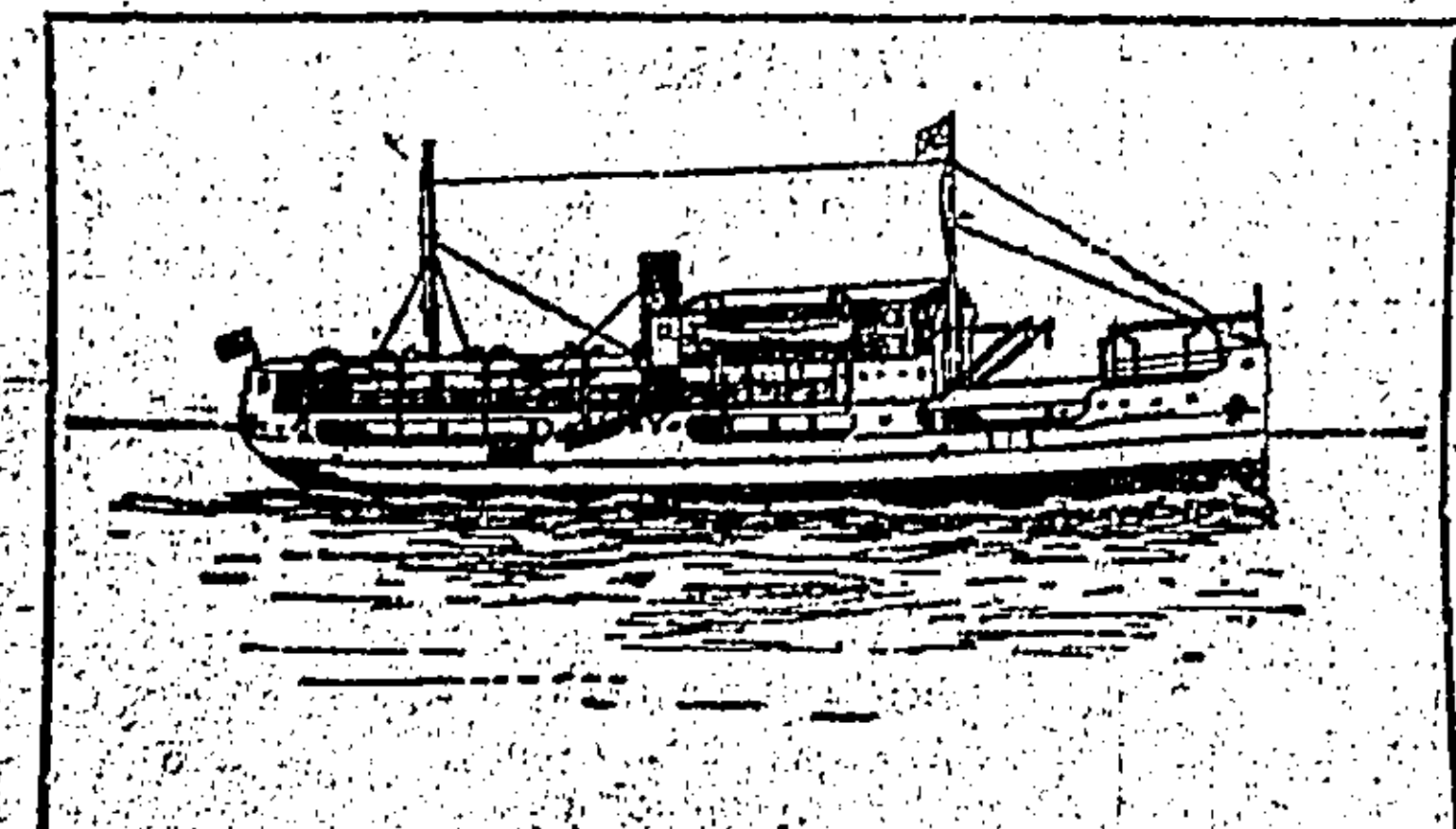
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4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme (Studio Concert).

7 p.m.—European Programme.

7.35 p.m.—Orchestral.

Suite No. 2, in B Minor—Overture (Bach).

Rondeau—Sarabande—Bourree, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (5914-5).

Pelonaire—Double—Minuet—Bach, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (5914).

Echoes from the Volga (Wolfgang), Mandolin Concert Orchestra (59029).

Waltz—Potpourri (C. Robrecht), Marek Weber & His Orch. (59073).

7.55-8.15 p.m.—Concert Items.

Song—Some where a Voice is Calling (Eileen Newton-Arthur Tate), Frances Alda, Soprano (1189).

Violin Solo—Le Cygne (The Swan) (Saint-Saens), Pablo Casals (1143).

Song—I Hear a Thrust at Eve (Eberhart-Cadman), John McCormack, Tenor (742).

Pianoforte Solo—On the Banks of the Danube (John Kurucz), John Kurucz (12).

Song—Just a-Weavin' for You (Stanton-Jacob-Bend), Dusolina Giannini, Soprano (1168).

Harpischoed Solo—Don Juan—Minuet (Mozart), Le Tambourin (Rameau), Le Concert—Rondo (Daquin), Wanda Landowska (1109).

Song—My Lovely Celia (Geo. Monro ari Lane Wilson), Reinold Werrenrath, Baritone (1443).

Violin Solo—Serenade (Drigo), Mischa Elman (600).

Song—When Irish Eyes are Smiling (O'Leary-Greif-Ball), John McCormack, Tenor (788).

8.15-8.50 p.m.—Variety.

Organ Solo—King for a Day, Jesse Crawford (21681).

Song—Sweet Forget Me Not, Jack Smith, Whistling Baritone (21882).

Popular Melodies Accompanied by Nightingales and Canaries, Reich's Aviary Bremen (1).

Humorous Song—Button Up Your Overcoat (from Follow Thru), Helen Kane (21863).

Pianoforte Solo—Brother ... Frank Banta (21821).

Song—Coquette (Irving Berlin), Paul Oliver, Tenor (21898).

Pianoforte Solo—A Little Kiss Each Morning a Little Kiss Each Night (from "The Vagabond Lover"), John Kurucz (38).

Song—Only a Rose (from "The Vagabond King"), Richard Crooks, Tenor (1448).

Clarinet Solo—Late Hours (Williams), Douglas Williams (21696).

8.50-9 p.m.—Sylvia Ballet—Intermezzo and Valse Lente (Delibes), San Francisco Symphony Orchestra (1100).

Norma—Overture (Bellini), Victor Symphony Orchestra (21699).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

9.05-11.30 p.m.—Dance Programme.

Fox Trot—Sposin', The One in the World ... (21999).

The One that I Love Loves Me, Underneath the Russian Moon, (21963).

Gotta Feelin' for You, Low Down Rhythm ... (22041).

Waltz—Vision of Love, Fox Trot—

Beautiful Heaven ... (81368).

Your Mother & Mine ... (22012).

Walkin' with Suzie, That's You, Baby ... (21927).

That's What I Call Heaven, Mean to Me ... (21921).

Waltz—The Kiss Waltz, Fox Trot—

Nobody Cares if I'm Blue ... (22462).

My Ideal, It's a Great Life ... (22544).

I'm Yours, Here Comes the Sun ... (22541).

Sittin' on a Rainbow, In My Heart It's You ... (22525).

Waltz—Sleepy Honolulu, Sweet Hawaiian Dream Girl, (21903).

Fox Trot—Till Be Blue Just Thinking of You, African Serenade ... (22529).

Sing Something Simple, Lucky Seven ... (22528).

The Instant, Lonely ... (22494).

Why Have You Forgotten Walkin' How are you To-night in Hawaii (22519).

Waltz—Until We Meet Again Sweetheart, One More Waltz ... (22521).

Fox Trot—The Verdict is Life, Reminiscing ... (22412).

Min. Cara, Rollin' Down the River ... (22430).

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Waltz—Just Another Kiss, If We Never Should Meet Again, (22446).

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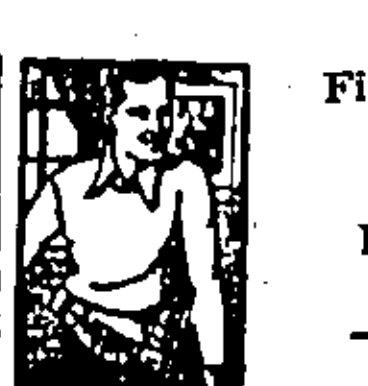
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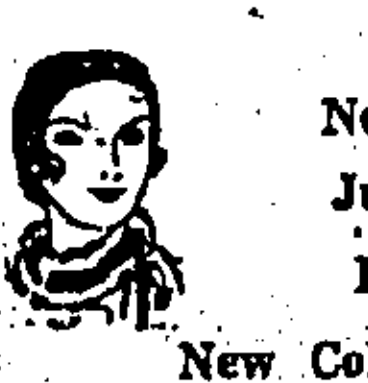
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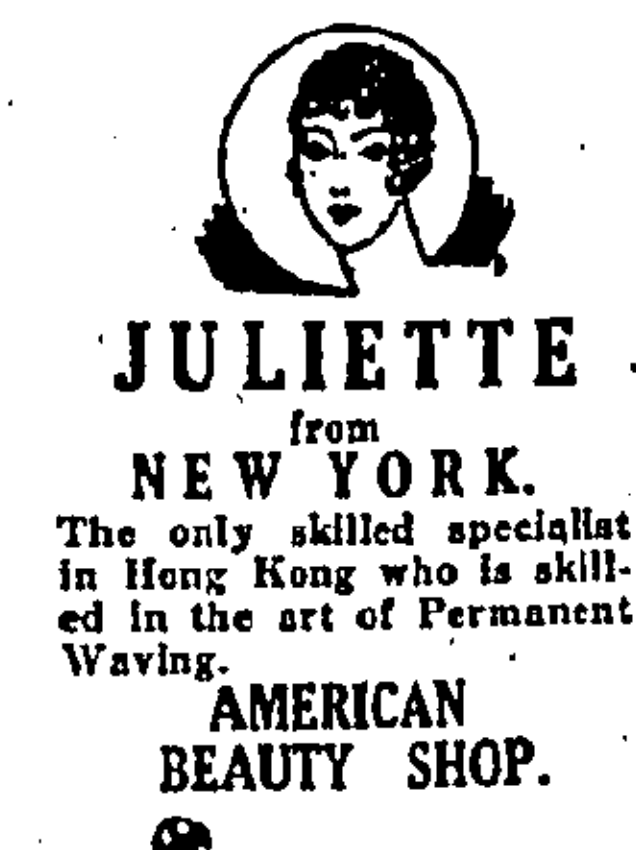
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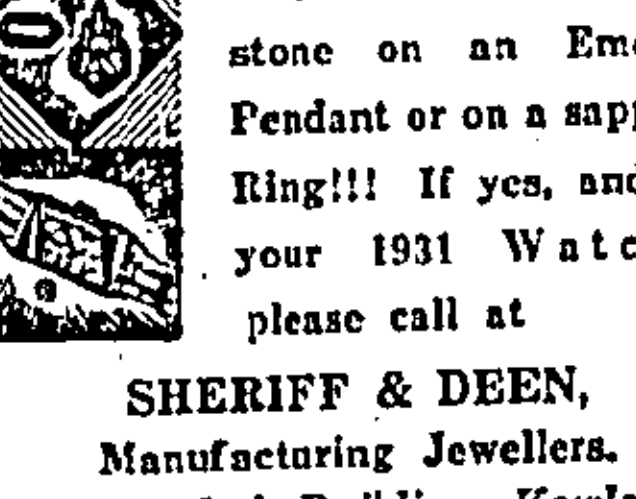
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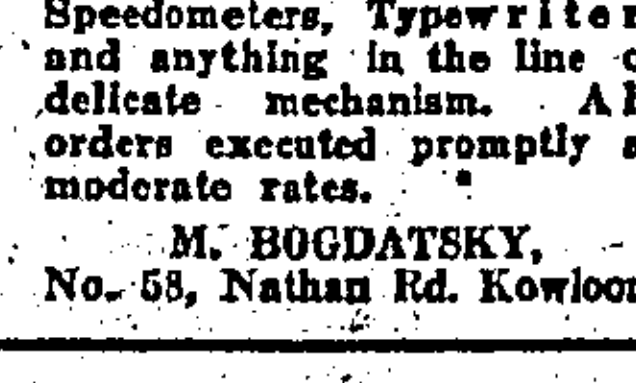
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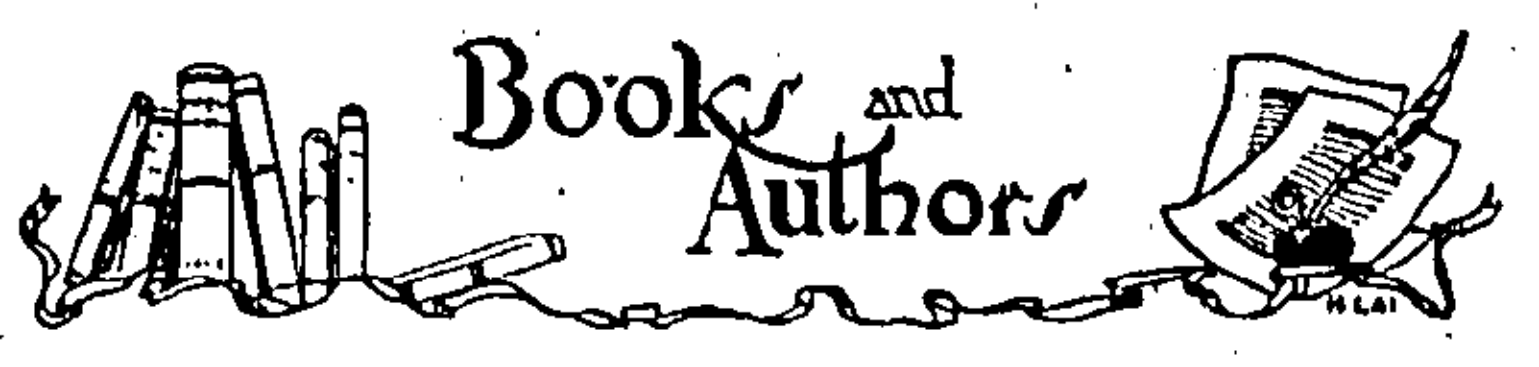
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PLATO AND THE MODERN WORLD.

[After Two Thousand Years: A Dialogue between Plato and a modern young man," by G. Lowes Dickinson; George Allen and Unwin, Ltd.; 6/- net.]

["Plato's Britannia," freely rendered into English by Douglas Woodruff; Sheed & Ward, London; 6/- net.]

One of the most extraordinary facts in the history of literature is the perennial interest in the writings and theories of a Greek named Aristotle, born about 427 B.C. He is better known to us by his nickname, Plato, the broad shouldered.

It has been often remarked on how the books of the New Testament keep among "best sellers." But surely the interest in the writings of Plato is more remarkable still. For the New Testament is disseminated by organised religious bodies and a Society whose special object is its sale; but the works of Plato, three or four hundred years older than the books of the New Testament, have no special organisation for their sale are still published in translation and text, and even now find a select and learned group of worshippers.

Plato's writings have handed down to us an almost unique form of literary prose, the dialogue. The very fact that his writings had not been surrounded by a special odour of sanctity like the Bible has made them a peer subject of research and imitation than the Sacred Books. Modern writers venture even to copy his manner and methods without any feelings of sacrilege. Some like Prof. F. C. S. Schiller have done this with great skill (cf. "Humanism" by Prof. Schiller).

The present writers whose books we have under review have, both appeared before the public in the

guise of Plato on previous occasions.

A Model of Plato's. Mr. Lowes Dickinson many years ago published "A Modern Symposium," more or less on the model of the Symposium of Plato. It is in our opinion one of Mr. Dickinson's most brilliant books, full of suggestiveness and breadth.

The present volume is a very thoughtful criticism of Platonic views in the form of a dialogue between Plato returned to the Elysian Fields and a modern young man. Various subjects are brought up for discussion from forms of Government, to birth-control, war, and education. These are not handled casually but with great lucidity and skill.

One criticism of Plato which Mr. Dickinson brings up we should like to see enlarged upon. It is brought forward as rather a shock to Plato. The dialogue runs:—

"Plato—What is this terrible confession?"

"Phileas—I will come out with it. If I could secure for the great mass of men such a measure of happiness, and could only secure it by sacrificing altogether what are called higher goods, I would consent to that sacrifice."

"Plato—Indeed! Let me hope then at least that you are not faced with that alternative."

"Phileas—I do not know that I am, but it is conceivable that I might be. For these higher goods have been secured, in fact, for the most part, by leisured men living on the labour of others; and by destroying that class, my friends say, (as I intend and desire to destroy it), I shall destroy also the possibility of achieving any Goods other than those which the mass of men can appreciate; and those I am not pretending are likely to be what are called ideal."

We should like to see a larger discussion of this whole subject. Plato and his philosophy are bought at the expense of, and practically as the result of, slave labour. A more humane social

world for the average man seems to mean the destruction of the ideal. The poet, the artist, and the philosopher are built more or less on slavery.

A Different Type. Plato's "Britannia" is a very different type of book from Mr. Lowes Dickinson's. It is disguised propaganda. Some years ago Mr. Woodruff published a very amusing little book, "Plato's American Republic." It was cheap and showed a good deal of humour. This book is more than twice the price (8/-), and falls very flat. The fact of the matter is the author seems to have made a "right about face" since then. This book is blatantly Roman Catholic propaganda. Socrates is made to talk pages of inept stuff such as Mr. Belloc publishes about "the ship-

Mr. Woodruff's book is dedicated to Ronald Knox—the same Rev. Father Ronald Knox, we believe, who has informed us that Roman Catholics "will not shrink even from repressive measures in order to perpetuate the secure dominion of Catholic principles among their fellow countrymen." He lets the cat out of the bag when he says,—"when we (i.e. the Catholics) demand liberty in the modern State we are appealing to its own principles, not to ours."

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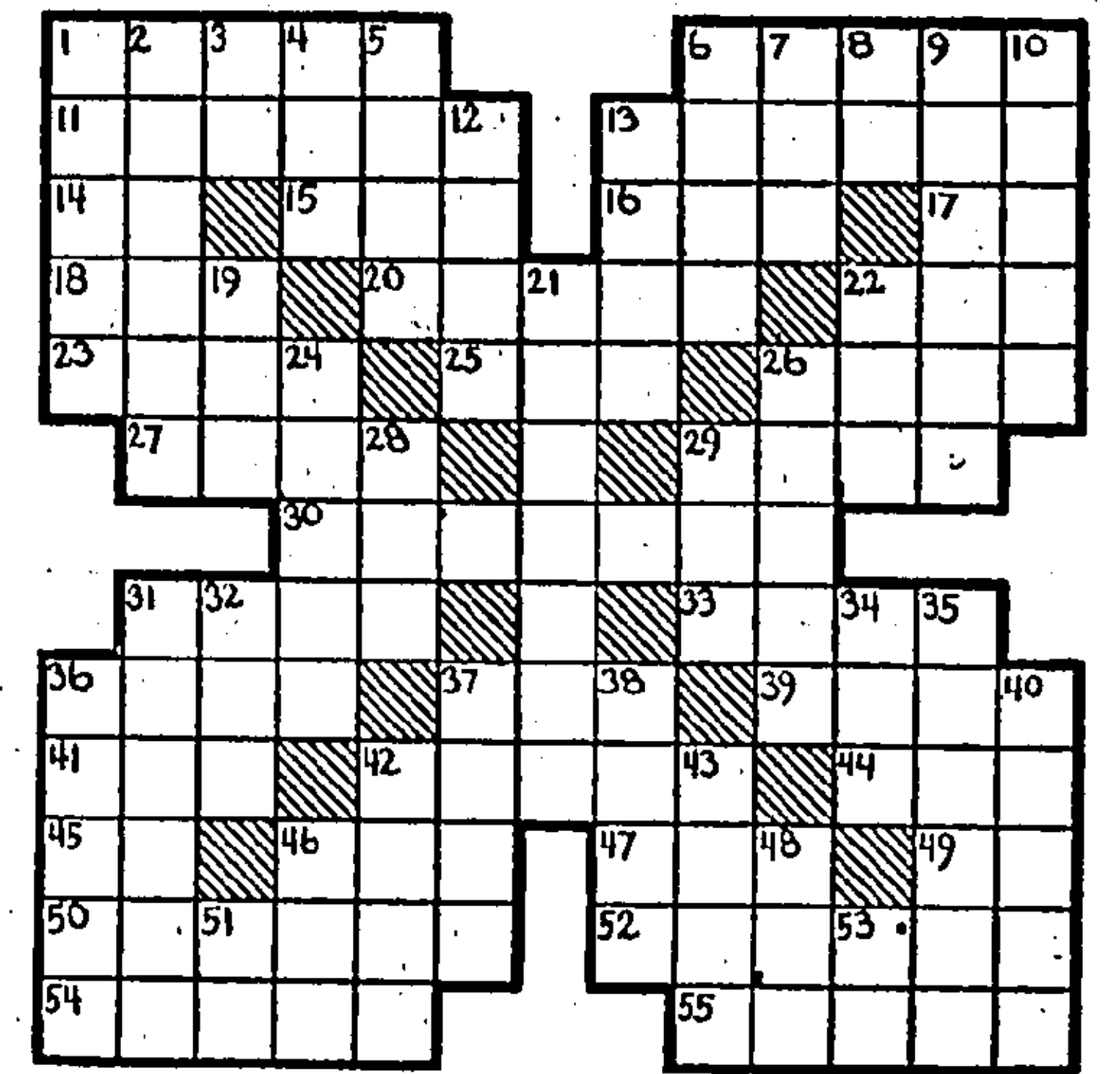
wreck of the Reformation." All we can say about it is that Mr. Woodruff has carefully imitated the well known translation of the dialogues of Plato. But Socrates defending the Church of the Inquisition is a bit too much! If Mr. Woodruff had turned an Orangeman and written a volume, Plato's "Hibernia," satirising the present Roman Catholic Government in Free State Ireland the Socratic rapier could have been thrust home better—But this remains for others.

A Coincidence.

It is noticeable that Mr. Woodruff's book is published by Messrs. Sheed and Ward who are also responsible for the publication of Mr. Chesterton's "If" and Mr. Belloc's "Survivals and New Arrivals," two of the most recent of these authors' propagandist literature which have reached the very nadir of literary merit.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Blood vessel
- 6-Custom
- 11-To set the mind upon to do
- 13-A flower-cluster
- 14-In
- 15-Heavy affliction
- 16-Hall
- 17-Father
- 18-Nothing
- 20-Capital of Switzerland
- 22-Foollike organ
- 23-To pull
- 25-To place
- 26-Has departed
- 27-Heretic poem
- 28-Parched with heat
- 30-Very offensive
- 31-Adroitness
- 33-Soapstone
- 36-Fresh and luxuriant
- 37-Unhealed
- 39-A journey
- 41-Little devil
- 42-A sweet made by insects
- 44-A Swedish coin

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45-Greek letter M
- 46-Word of assent
- 47-At the present time
- 49-Musical note
- 50-Church official (pl.)
- 52-Merchant
- 54-Bulls slowly and gently
- 55-Understands

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-Partaining to Russia
- 22-A Hawaiian food
- 24-A windlass
- 26-Eminent
- 28-A cottage
- 29-A territorial division
- 31-The commotion of a multitude
- 32-Poisonous snake
- 34-A card game
- 35-A shore-bird
- 36-Lemon-like fruit (pl.)
- 37-Discoverer of North magnetic pole
- 38-Departed
- 40-Raise up
- 42-Possessive pronoun
- 43-A royal house of England
- 46-Wood used for making bows
- 48-Pale
- 51-Prefix—down
- 53-To perform

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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An English Christmas—Part 2 (Christmas Morn)
- C-2079—The Smoking Concert (1st Record)
The Smoking Concert (2nd Record)
- C-2080—(a) Hall, Holy Child (b) Sweet Was The Song
(Arr. Wood)
(a) Rocking (Martin Shaw) (b) Ding Dong,
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Last week the
Onions and liver was a bit
the Muse.
crochety, perhaps,
and so the Muse

was able to give us only one
jingle; we hesitate to call it a
"poem." Albeit, the more fac-
ious of our quill-nibbling
brethren find poetry in life,
whether dithyrambic or gas
meter. Even the modest sausage
has been known to inspire a
lyric:

Oh, Saveloy, thy beauty
Is deeper than the skin
Which hides thy brown and fruity
Mysteriousness within.
(After Nietzsche).

As for the onion—buck not
not of the onion, that translucent
enemy of lovers, fowler of tete-a-
tetes, and co-conspirator of the
weeping movie "star." How could
one yearn to capture "the last
fine, careless rapture" of the
odious onion, whether of the
Spanish variety, so loved by the
gentlemen with the barrel organs,
or that alabaster-white, deceptive
Spring genus which decorates the
luncheon tables of respectable
clubs? Even Vergil, that mas-
ter of the art of cataloguing
vegetables and fruits, would surely
have paused before sinking his
stilo into the waxen tablet to pen
the praises of *Allium-Cepa*. Yet,
we are told, the onion is repre-
sented on ancient Egyptian monu-
ments and one variety cultivated
in Egypt was accorded divine
honours. There is a legend
(handed down in our family) that
Cleopatra wooed the asp to her
bosom by the odour of her breath,
scented by the precious onions of
Alexandria. But men are more
fastidious than snakes, so that is
perhaps why Caesar turned her
down.

When Cleo, fairest of her race,
The land of Ptolemy did fix;
Young Anthony soon pulled a face
And looked as very wry
That Cleo with a guilty grace
Asked why?

With trembling lips young Mark
began

To praise her as the sweetest rose
That e'er engaged the heart of man;
But soon he sniffed his Roman nose
While Cleo waved her little fan
Eating an onion wad.

"Oh, don't eat onions, dear," he said,
"They always make me cry."
"Try aniseed or cloves instead,
"Or take some ginger dry."
But Cleo shook her dainty head
For she was going to die.
"So scatter onions on my bed
That I may easier lie."

(Moral: If Cleopatra had suck-
ed cactus the tide of history
might have been turned.)

In days of yore
The Humour the soldier was
of a Soldier, popularly sup-
posed to be some-
what heavy-handed with the

ladies, and when Chaucer's gentle
Knight went off to the Crusades
he was wont to secure his darling
in a contraption of armour, so
that the locksmith was very popu-
lar with philanderers in that age.
But the era of Sandhurst pro-
duced the nervous subaltern type,
who flushed in the presence of
the fair sex and stammered be-
fore the Colonel. But the typical
warrior, scarred in many engage-
ments, quick to path and action,
has never been a satisfactory
"ladies' man," and is often clumsy
with his endearments. Thus it
is amusing to read how a
soldier-author, in terror lest he
should be thought "romantic,"
writes of a young woman who is
supposed to be the heroine. This
extraordinary passage appears in
"The Fly-By-Nights," a rattling
good mystery story by Major-
General Charles Ross, C.B.,
D.S.O.:

"She yawned and stretched herself
when she got to her room; it was a
prodigious yawn and a prodigious
stretch, and there was an ominous
crack. 'Oh, bother,' she said. 'I
wonder if Nelly has gone to bed.'
She rang the bell, and then com-
menced her search for the breakage.
In a few minutes Nelly arrived, and
together they examined the article
of attire which had displayed such
lamentable lack of staying power.
'I think I must be getting fat,' said
Miss Troubridge. 'Oh, no, Miss, you
are just right,' answered the maid.
'Just right' may be the Gen-
eral's ideal of womanhood, but he
seems to have no illusions about
the battle of sex. Beside litera-
ture of this type Keats becomes
a pale shade!

In the same book
Seeing "The Fly-By-
Through Nights" Major-
Teeth. General Ross makes
this astonishing ro-
mark:
"Did you speak?" asked the
Cherubim, his teeth gleaming
for an instant in a slight smile
under those blank spectacles."
The Cherubim must have been
looking through his eye-teeth. It
seems very *deus*, doesn't it?

Hong Kong has
St. Patrick always been con-
sidered a bly peaceful
corner of the Far
East, removed from wars and
daily political troubles, and
seldom in this generation do we
hear of a sailor being knocked out
in the bar. Now that we
have St. Patrick's Society here,
however, we Sasanachs had best
look out for your pates. We hear
that one member has already
ordered a consignment of
shillalagu from Ulster. Begorra,

there be troublous times ahead,
surely! To make matters worse,
it won't be possible to send a
strong cordon of Police to the St.
Patrick's Ball (Och, pwat, a
dances that will be!) for, pwat do
ye think, nearly all the Police are
Irishmen! One consolation we
have is that the Irish in Hong
Kong are a quiet, peaceable lot,
not like those hoodlums in Liver-
pool, where recently bricks and
railings were torn up by the Pro-
testants and thrown at the Parish
priest, Father Denis O'Shea,
whose hat was knocked off.

In Erin's fair island men do pwat
they like,
There's never a happier darlint than
Mike.
Ye may love, ye may laugh, and
there's no one to think
its a little indudent to have one
more drink.
There are taxes, tis true, but bless
me, who pays 'em?
And Erse lessons at School, but no-
body says 'em.
In fact, its a land where ye do as ye
like.
An' there's niver a happier darlint
than Mike.

Ye may be the Pope's puppet or a
Protestant foine,
(The Kirk's a grand hobby, it truly
aint mine).
Ye may call yerself Orange, or
Ulsterman true,
But pwat ever ye are and pwat
ever ye do,
In Erin's fair island ye do pwat ye
like.
With Murphy, and Patrick, and
Casey, and Mike.

The following
A Romance of little romance
St. George's owes its
Ball.

programme at St. George's Ball on
Tuesday night, and we trust none
of the charming dancers took the
bon mots to heart.

"Blue as the night, rolling down
the river
... mistakes! My dream
memory says my heart belongs to the
girl who belongs to somebody else.
So lover, come back to me; have a
little faith in me! Though I'm just a
ragged old man, my heart beats for
you, and some day I'll find you sing-
ing a song to the stars. Ah, I love
you so much (the kiss waltz) ...
body and soul. If I had a girl
like you swinging in the hammock,
or picking petals off the daisies, she'd
be such a comfort to me. Rolling
down the river ... deep night!"
Utter piffle, isn't it? Yet
tunes such as these lure our
young hopefuls to wear out their
soles (souls) when they should be
in bed, and to keep their arts up
their sleeves (the heart trick).

Adversarian re-
cently heard
Wives Who
Stay at
Home.
Home whose hus-
band has been
ordered out East. She said that
she was torn between leaving
her two small children at home
and accompanying him, or stay-
ing with them and letting him
make the best life for himself
that he could. One is inclined to
feel sorry for her. It is the old,
old story, and the price woman
has to pay for the privilege of be-
longing to the greatest Empire in
the world. (Cheers.)

But surely there can be no ques-
tion as to who has the greater
claim upon a woman—her hus-
band or her children? The man
must win in that struggle, for he
has the greater need of her, and
he would feel her loss far more
acutely than would the children.
He came first in her life and he
should remain first until "death
do them part."

The children belong to them
both, but they belong only to each
other.
Many people can look after the
children admirably, but who
would wish her husband to be
looked after by another woman?
(Ah, who, indeed?)

News in Brief.

The lowest temperature yester-
day was 49 degrees, the highest on
Thursday being 69 degrees.

The preacher in St. Andrew's
Church, Kowloon, will meet in the
service to-morrow will be the Dean
of St. John's Cathedral (the Very
Rev. A. Swann, M.A., D.S.C.).

The St. Andrew's Branch of the
Scripture Union, will meet in the
Church Hall on Monday at 6 p.m.,
when the speaker will be the Rev.
N. V. Halward, M.C., M.A.
(Diocesan Chaplain).

Chu Sook-mei, charged with the
alleged murder of Ka Sau-hai, a
house-boy in the employment of M.
Ohl, at 9 Felix Villas, last month,
was committed for trial at the
next Assizes, by Mr. Lindsay at
the Central Magistracy yesterday
afternoon.

Her friends in Hong Kong, es-
pecially at Tai Kok, will be inter-
ested to learn that Miss Jean
Stewart, daughter of the late Mr.
Sutherland Stewart and Mrs.
Stewart, has been married to Mr.
John Johnston Wallace, son of Mr.
and Mrs. David Wallace, of New
York. The bride's younger sister
Miss Ellen Stewart, is also married
and has a baby son. Both Miss
Jean and Miss Ellen were pupils in
the Central British School, Kow-
loon.



IN THE SOCIAL SWIM

by
AUDAX

I hear that Mr. W. J. Lockhart
Smith, who is a Clerk in the Land
Office, is going Home on leave on
January 17, when he intends to sit
for the Intermediate and Final Law
examinations. He has been read-
ing for the former for the past two
years, so should find little difficulty
in obtaining a Solicitorship, in
spite of the fact that these
examinations are becoming increas-
ingly stiff. Mr. Lockhart Smith,
who is 23 years of age and entered
the Government service in 1924, is
a son of Mr. Norman Lockhart
Smith, B.A., Second Assistant
Colonial Secretary and Deputy
Clerk of Council in addition. He
is at present residing in May Road.

His Honour Sir Joseph Kemp,
Kt., B.A., (Cape University), who
was 57 last month, is returning to
the Colony on the s.s. Rajputana in
April, when he will relieve Mr.
Justice J. H. Wood, Puisne Judge
of his duties as Chief Justice.
The Colonial Treasurer the
Hon. C. McL. Messer, M.A., is
due to retire also in April, having
been in the Service since 1897.

Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz, D.Ph.,
B.Sc., the genial young lecturer in
Biology in the University, is a firm
believer that one should buy objects
d'art for their beauty alone. He
rather despises the attitude of the
curio hunter to whom age and
"the real thing" are of para-
mount value. If one is to be satis-
fied by articles which please the eye
and is not to consider their
genuineness, then he will find in
Kat Street sufficient imitation
"Sung" and "Tching" to satisfy
the greediest collector!

I hope I am not giving the
"secret" away too soon when I state
that Dr. Herklotz, who is co-Editor
of the Hong Kong Naturalist, con-
templates in the near future bring-
ing out another periodical. It
will bear the modest title "Oc-
casional Notes," and will deal prin-
cipally with matters of hortical-
tural interest and should be popular
with those who take an interest in
or who are lucky enough to possess
gardens in the Colony. Dr. Herk-
lotz, who has thus thrust upon him-
self a double journalistic burden, is
one of the most hard-working men
in the Colony. When he is not
lecturing he is writing, editing, or
scouring the hills for flora and
fauna. His collection of the
latter has already reached considerable
dimensions and his flat in
Peak Mansions is quite a night-
mare of slimy wild life, both in the
creek and the dead. Recently a
cobra escaped from its flimsy pris-
on and was found quite uncon-
cernedly taking a nap under his
bed!

I understand that Dr.
Herklotz has made a discovery
which is likely to set the geologists
at Home agog with excitement, but
I am absolutely forbidden to dis-
close the nature of this until the
British Museum has made its
report.

Mild consternation was caused in
the Peak Tram on Thursday by the
presence of a bowl of gold fish
which Mrs. Harris, the charming
young wife of Major Harris,
R.A.M.C., was taking back to the
Peak Hotel. Recently five of the

fish died, apparently from
bronchitis, and Mrs. Harris was
taking them down below to match
them. As they appeared to be all
alike she seems to have been suc-
cessful! But this, of course, is
nothing to the menagerie that
usually accompanies Dr. Herklotz
on his journeys.

One of the Colony's keenest
yachtsmen is Mr. Arthur George
Tickle, F.R.I.B.A., Technical Secre-
tary to the Director of Public
Works, who is going Home on leave
in March, having been in the
Colony since 1918. Mr. Tickle is
the proud half-owner of the Irene,
a smart ten-tonner, which has won
several races here. Built about
fifteen years ago, when they could
build ships, she is about 36 feet in
length and has a beam of over ten
feet, being yawl-rigged. Speedy
and graceful, she is one of the
smartest racing yachts on local
waters. The Hon. Michael Breen,
B.A., Postmaster-General, owns the
other half-share, but being more
interested in retrenchment, of
which unpopular Commission he is
Chairman, he seldom if ever
embarks that great Irishman,
Tommy Lipton.

The Senior Chaplain to the
Forces in Hong Kong (Church of
England), the Rev. Scott Little,
who replaced the late Rev. C.
Crossthwaite in October last year,
told me an amusing story the other
day which will probably now be
related in every Mess Room. On
one occasion he had to attend a
Levee at Buckingham Palace, and
metal polish being rather unpleas-
ant to handle, even for batmen,
thoughtfully purchased a pair of
cotton gloves at Woolworth's, price
six pence, for the purpose. Im-
agine his amused astonishment
when, on the morning of the Levee,
he found, laid upon his neatly-
creased dress clothes, a pair of
beautifully clean Woolworth's
gloves. But perhaps "Bill" was a
Scotsman!

Dr. Isaac Newton, M.R.C.S.,
Medical Officer at the Government
Civil Hospital, spends his spare
time in sculpture and his exhibits
at the Hong Kong Art Society's
show last month attracted consid-
erable attention. He uses a special
kind of clay, known as dentists'
stone, the peculiar virtue of which
is extreme hardness, although it
takes longer to set and is just as
pliable as the ordinary modelling
clay. Dr. Newton, who seems to
favour classical figures, often tints
his models after the drying process,
occasionally using bronze powder
and stove black, which gives a re-
alistic metallic effect. One of the
finest specimens of his work, how-
ever, is a clay medallion of his son,
a pencil-drawing copy of which was
made by Mr. E. T. Nash, of the
P.W.D., and also exhibited by the
Art Society.

Dr. Newton, apart from his
artistic proclivities, is a first-rate
golfer and represented Hong Kong
during the recent Inter-Port golf
championship in Shanghai. He
modestly declares that his
handicap is about 10, which is good
enough for most of us, but I think
he would have little difficulty in re-
ducing it if he played up to scratch.

It is notified that the name of
the Canton Navigation Company,
Limited, has been struck off the Re-
gister of Companies.

The name of Miss Kathleen
Naomi Gresson, of Messrs. A. S.
Watson & Co., Limited, has been
added to the Register of Chemists
and Druggists.

The names of Mr. Tsai Tsz Shek,
M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong), 87 Des
Voeux Road Central, and Mr. Mok
Hing Fai, M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong),
have been added to the Register of
Medical Practitioners.

The street commencing at Peking
Road, 130 feet west of Nathan
Road and running in a northerly
direction parallel to Nathan Road,
terminating at the North side of
K.L.L. 405, has been called Lock
Road.

Hong Hing, a seaman of the
Water Police, pleaded not guilty at
the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday,
when charged before Mr. Butters
with assaulting the manager of the
Po Hing Theatre on December 8.
Defendant denied assaulting the
manager, but Mr. Butters convicted
and imposed a fine of \$20 or
three weeks imprisonment.

A girl named V. Shoemith, aged
3 years, and residing at 3 "B"
Block, Kennedy Road, was yester-
day sent to the Government Civil
Hospital, suffering from injuries to
the leg and arm, caused through
being bitten by a brown mongrel
dog, owned by Mrs. Wiltshire, of 1,
Yue Kwong Terrace.

TROOPSHIP IN COLONY.

The troopship Nevasa arrived in
port soon after 8 o'clock this morn-
ing and went alongside Holt's
wharf. She has on board the Wor-
cester Regiment from Chinwangtao
which is on its way to the India
station.
The Nevasa, which is expected
to leave Hong Kong this afternoon,
will take away from here a few de-
tails from the local garrison who
have completed their term of ser-
vice and are returning Home.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
January 10, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 3/- 15/10.
When entering the harbour yester-
day, with about 200 Chinese pas-
sengers on board from Shanghai,
the China Navigation Co's steamer
Sunning struck the rocks near Cape
d'Agulhas, but was able to proceed
to anchor near Talkoo Docks for an
examination which revealed that no
damage had been done.

The vessel is proceeding to Can-
ton as usual and will be docked here
in the ordinary course for her
annual overhauling, which was due
in any case on her return to Hong
Kong.

31ST ANNIVERSARY
OF SINCERE'S.Development of China's
Marshal Field.

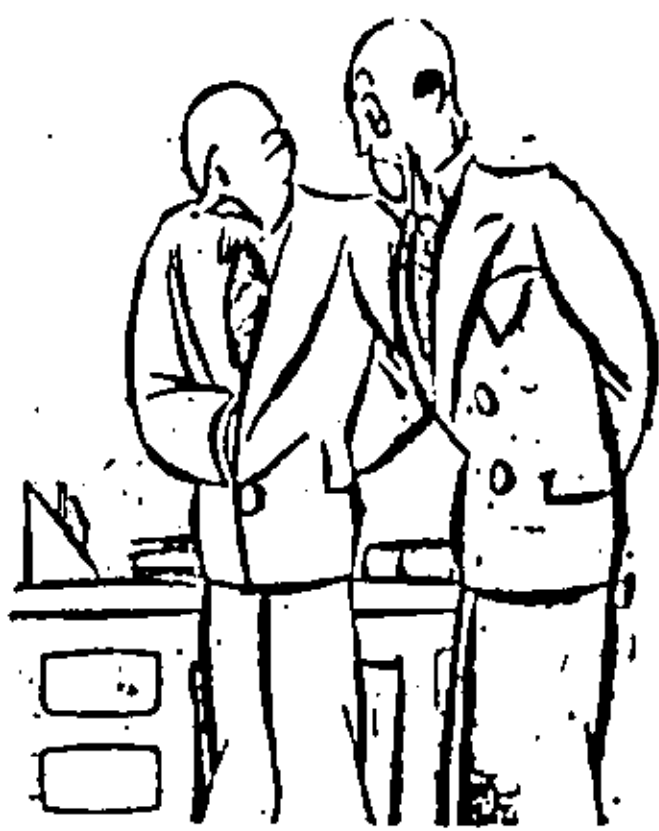
PUBLIC CONFIDENCE.

The Sincere Co., Ltd., are celebrating to-day their 31st anniversary. Established in 1900, this company commenced business in a small shop in Queen's Road Central, when commercial development in the Colony was in its infancy and when business was generally done here in the old-fashioned way of haggling and bargaining.

Through difficulties the company managed to gain the public's confidence in the one-price policy which they first introduced into China, and the following up of this policy has made them grow until to-day they have become the China's Marshal Field, having a seven storeyed modern building in Hong Kong for their headquarters and magnificent branch stores in Shanghai and Canton, with capital increased from \$25,000 to \$10,000,000.

Besides department store business, the company are also interested in fire and life insurance, perfumery, aerated water manufacturing, and hotel keeping.

This firm are having special window displays showing the development and scope of their business, which are extremely interesting.



"The safe has been robbed. How much was in it?"

"Only three shillings."

"Well, when there is less than ten shillings in it do not lock the safe in future. It is better to lose the money than to have the safe repaired."—Buen Humour, Madrid.

MAN EATERS.

TWENTY NATIVES EATEN BY
LIONS IN UGANDA.

[By F. S. D. Atherton.]
Lions in their natural state seem to prefer animal flesh to human.

But once they have tasted human flesh their taste for it seems to inflame them to such an extent that they will take any risks to appease the longing. Daylight raids, of the kind reported from Uganda, are a common occurrence. There is also the case on record where a man-eater jumped into a railway carriage and took his victim.

The lion kills as a rule at night, the usual method being for some of the lions to post themselves downwind of a mob of game, while one or more get upwind of the unsuspecting game. By a series of grunts, or by giving the game their scent, one section stampedes the terrified animals into the lions waiting downwind.

In Daylight.
They rarely kill in the daytime, but on several occasions I have seen lions stalking game in broad daylight, both in Kenya Colony and Tanganyika Territory, but without success. On one such occasion a lion and a lioness were stalking a wildebeeste on an open plain at eight o'clock in the morning. They took no notice of my car 20 or 30 yards away, from which a film of this interesting event was being taken.

Unfortunately I disturbed the wildebeeste and probably spelt a very interesting kill. On my shooting the wildebeeste shortly afterward the lions at once approached and fed in broad daylight, and allowed the car which had been used for filming to be brought up again quite close.

The so-called daylight lions of Tanganyika were simply lions who had never been molested and therefore had no reason for seeking cover during daylight. Practically all African game animals are plain dwellers until shot at. Then they naturally seek cover as a protection from human enemies.

The lions mentioned as having carried off twenty victims are probably some which escaped the hunters a year or two ago when the Uganda Government sent out white hunters to destroy a troop (or pride) of lions which were a menace to the natives. It was found that not only did the grown-up lions kill humans for food, but the cubs were being taught to do likewise, and a race of lions was being bred to be man-eaters from birth.

MR. W. R. HEARST &
HIS AMBITIONS.Has He Designs on the
White House?

Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the American publisher, has Presidential ambitions.

Such, at least, is an explanation given of the series of triumphal tours which he has had organised in his honour in every town in which his newspapers enable him to bring his influence to bear on the local politicians.

The appearance of buttons bearing the legend "Hearst for President" adds to the likelihood of the theory.

Mr. Hearst has had little success in his political schemes, and his nominees for office have usually been defeated. He has one supporter in the Senate, Dr. Copeland, who writes medical advice in his papers, but that is all.

When the present senior Senator for California, Mr. Hiram Johnson, retires, as he intends to do at the end of his present term, Mr. Hearst will push forward the candidature of Mr. Neelan, legal adviser to his newspapers, and he probably has similar plans in other parts of the country.

It is impossible to tell, as yet, whether Mr. Hearst intends to be the democratic or republican presidential candidate. His papers in the present election support either democrats or republicans, according to local conditions, but the odds are that he will be true to his old love, and come down on the democratic side.

Triumphal Receptions.
The triumphal receptions which Mr. Hearst has had organised have followed a stereotyped pattern. He has been met at the station by city officials in cars decorated with flowers and flags.

With much sounding of sirens, to attract the population, he is escorted to the city hall, where speeches of welcome are made by the Mayor, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, and other dignitaries of the place, who feel that it would be unwise to offend so powerful an individual.

A banquet follows, at which there are more speeches interspersed with vocal and musical items, so that citizens will be encouraged to "tune-in" their radios.

The speeches which Mr. Hearst makes in reply consist of a few words explaining that his expulsion from French soil was a very minor matter which caused him no real concern, followed by a violent and vicious attack upon France, which shows that the rebuff must have penetrated well beneath the skin.

In Los Angeles he wound up a long tirade against everything French with "France is arrogant and insolent, greedy and aggressive, unjust and oppressive. France holds Europe in the iron grip of her war machine.... The whole record of European relations is a history of hate, a blotched page of battle and bloodshed, of cruelty and tyranny."

Red, White and Blue.
When the text of this outburst reached San Francisco it was politely suggested to Mr. Hearst that he should confine his remarks in that city to a discussion of newspaper development.

This he declined to do, but his speech was distinctly milder. An amusing feature of the San Francisco parade was that Mr. Hearst drove beneath a waving avenue of French flags.

The city possessed a number of red, white, and blue flags, which are frequently used in American decoration for these, whether by accident or design, were prominently displayed.

The same week San Francisco's most popular variety theatre was "featuring" a grand orchestral item entitled "Salute to France," a mixture of "Ca c'est Paris" and the "Marseillaise," which was thundered forth with additional drums and brass and a lavish display of show girls. It obtained far more applause than did Mr. Hearst.

By making a parade of his irritation against France, Mr. Hearst appears to be doing himself more harm than good. The uneducated who read his papers are bored with foreign politics, and are annoyed to find columns after columns devoted to the discussion of a long dead issue, in which they never took any interest in the first place.

The educated are merely amused, and begin to have their suspicions that the gentleman doth protest too much when he dwells with such heavy emphasis on the fact that he obtained the document dealing with the Anglo-French naval disarmament suggestions in a perfectly legal manner.

The most exhaustive census ever undertaken in Canada to ascertain the condition of an agricultural industry will be launched by the British Columbia Government in the Okanagan fruit business immediately to ascertain the value of every acre of irrigated land in the valley where money has been lent to irrigationists. The questionnaire will be very detailed.

FREAK STAMP
COLLECTION.Pasted on Cottage
Walls.

RARITIES OF VALUE.

Paris, Dec. 1.

The most freakish and one of the most valuable stamp collections in the world is pasted on the walls of the cottage of a priest in the Savoy Alps. Collectors who have found the stamps have bid fabulous prices for the right to steal the collection from the walls, but since church property belongs to the French Government, the stamps must remain pasted up until they are spoiled by time.

The collection was started a half century ago by a young priest who had no other distraction in the mountain village. The community is an hour's walk and climb from the nearest road. But the priest received a great quantity of mail, and friends sent him stamps to add to his collection.

He started pasting stamps on the bare walls in place of wall paper, and then as the collection grew, pasted more on top, making Greek designs out of the issues of various countries. There are nearly a quarter of a million old postage stamps on the four walls of the salon, many of them now rare issues much sought after by collectors.

The French collection is particularly rich, with copies even of the famous balloon stamps issued for air mail by gasbag when Paris was being besieged by the Germans in the war of 1870.

There is a rare triangular stamp from the Cape of Good Hope, some rare Vatican stamps of the first issue before Italy took over the Pontifical territory, war stamps from 1870 from Alsace and Lorraine, the first emissions of Norway, the famous Greek Mercury series, and many others.

The value of the collection is estimated at \$2,500.—United Press.

EGG - LAYING
MAMMALS.New Guinea Echidnas at
The Zoo.

There are only two kinds of living mammals which have preserved the habit of their reptilian ancestors and produce their young as unhatched eggs. Of these the Duck-billed Platypus, a soft-furred animal with a horny bill like that of a duck, and webbed feet, is found only in Tasmania and Southern and Eastern Australia. It is aquatic, forming burrows in the sides of streams with their entrances under water-level. It lives on worms, fresh water shrimps, and such small fry. It has never reached Europe alive, but one was taken to New York in an elaborately constructed tank, but lived only a few days.

The second mammal, Echidna, the Spiny Anteater, has two species, a smaller one found in Tasmania, Australia, and New Guinea, and a larger, found only in North-Western New Guinea. Echidnas have long, probe-like snouts and clawed feet; the body is covered with coarse hair among which are set sharp, brittle spines. They are terrestrial, living in forest country and probing the ground for the grubs and worms on which they feed. Both species have been exhibited in European Zoos. The first known to have been brought to Europe alive was sold to the London Zoo for £12 by Jahrach in 1846; it was one of the smaller species. It lived only a few days. Since then many examples of that species have been imported and have lived well, feeding chiefly on chopped raw meat.

Lord Rothschild purchased and deposited in the London Gardens two examples of the large New Guinea species in 1912; one died seven years later; the other is still living and has been joined by another, also purchased by Lord Rothschild. Although these animals are of great zoological interest and are odd to look at, they are good popular exhibits as they are entirely nocturnal, spending the day coiled up in their sleeping-box. When taken out they grunt angrily and hiss almost like a reptile.

Among recent additions to the Aquarium is an example of the so-called Norway lobster, a native of deep water in northern seas. It is smaller and more slender than the true lobster, is reddish in colour, and has the great claws relatively very long and narrow and covered with tubercles. The Aquarium at New York has sent a number of very young King-crabs, exact replicas of the adult, but under an inch in length. Possibly owing to the paleness of the upper surface, their eyes seem larger and more prominent. They have habit of lying almost buried in the sand like eels. The President of the Society has sent several salmon

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.
To-morrow—Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

January 23—Society of York-shiremen, Cabaret-Dinner Dance, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.
January 17—Old Bedfordian Dinner, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.
To-day—Queen's Theatre.
"The Unholy Threes."

To-day—Central Theatre.
"The Vagabond King."

To-day—World Theatre.
"Chasing through Europe."

To-day—State Theatre.
"State Street Sadie."

To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"Carnation Kid."

Home Mails.
To-day—Inward from America and ports (President Harrison); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Patroclus), 5 p.m.

Monday—Inward from America and ports (Asama Maru); Outward for Europe via San Francisco, 5 p.m.; and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (President Madison).

Meetings.
Wednesday—Meeting of Graduates in the Great Hall of the University, 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday—Annual General Meeting of Boy Scouts' Association, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.

Sports.
See Diary on page 8.

Miscellaneous.
Monday—Hong Kong University Degree Day.

Monday, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.—Lecture on "Sleep and Dreams" by Dr. P. Fennelly.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
Bank, wire 11 1/2
Bank, on demand 11 1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight 11 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 11 13/16

On Paris—
Documentary, 4 months' sight 11 15/16
On demand 57 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 61 1/2

On New York—
On demand 22 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 23 1/2

On Bombay—
Wire 62 1/2
On demand 62 1/2

On Calcutta—
Wire 62 1/2
On demand 62 1/2

On Singapore—
On demand 40
On Manila—
On demand 45 1/2

On Shanghai—
On demand Tls. 73
Dollar 1/2 dis.

On Yokohama—
On demand 45 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 11 1/2
Silver (per oz.) 13 3/16
Bar Silver in Hong

Kong 4% prem. nom.
Copper Cash Nominal
Copper Cents 3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 8 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 22 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris 123.72 1/2
New York 4.85 15/32
Brussels 34.80 1/2
Geneva 25.05 1/2
Amsterdam 12.06 1/2
Milan 92.72 1/2
Berlin 20.41 1/2
Stockholm 18.14
Copenhagen 18.15 1/2
Oslo 18.15
Vienna 94.50 1/2
Prague 163 1/2
Helsingfors 192 1/2
Madrid 108.24
Athens 87 1/2
Bucharest 818
Rio 4 1/2
Buenos Aires 34.15 1/2
Montevideo 34 1/2
Bombay 1/5 3/4
Shanghai 1/8 3/4
Hong Kong 11 1/2
Yokohama 2/0 15/32
Silver Spot 18 3/16
Silver Forward 18 1/16
—British Wireless Service.

smelts and some very fine golden trout, the latter showing their rainbow-trout nature by the presence of a faintly marked red lateral line. A large consignment from Madeira includes several octopuses, scarlet starfish, and many brilliantly coloured sea anemones.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE.

HONG KONG WATER SUPPLY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the RIDER MAINS in all Districts will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 16th instant.

A CONSTANT SUPPLY from STREET FOUNTAINS will be Maintained from That Date.

HAROLD T. GREASY,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 9th January, 1931.

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THE HON. FOO PING-SHUNG, LL.D. (Designate) will distribute the Prizes at St. Stephen's College, Stanley, on SATURDAY, January 17 at 3 p.m.

Parents and Old Boys and Friends are cordially invited to attend. Buses will leave Blake Pier at 2 p.m. Return tickets (\$1) may be obtained at the Blue Bird Shop.

There will be an Old Boys' Dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel the same evening, of which particulars may be had from the Warden or Old Boys' Committee.

NOTICE.

R.M.O.C.A. THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association will be held on SATURDAY, 14th February, 1931, those wishing to attend please communicate with Hon. Sec., C. E. FRITH, Sanitary Department.

NOTICE.

THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911
(as amended by the Companies Amendment Ordinance, 1930).

ALL PERSONS desiring to be authorised by the Governor in Council to perform the duties of auditors in respect of Companies, other than China Companies, registered under the principal Ordinance which keep their accounts in English are hereby notified that they must forward their full names, with their addresses and qualifications to the undersigned as soon as possible.

The fact that a person has been previously authorised by the Registrar of Companies under Section 113 of the principal Ordinance to act as an auditor does not exempt him from the necessity of obtaining the authorisation of the Governor in Council, that Section having been repealed and superseded by the amending Ordinance mentioned above.

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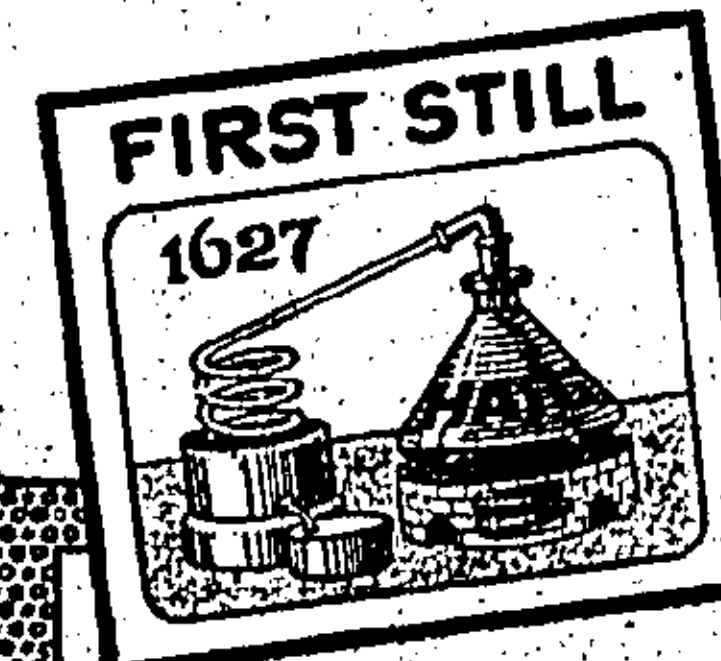
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SHANGHAI GUIDES.

Gratifying Progress Of Movement.

The Girl Guide movement celebrates its coming of age in 1932, and it is surprising how many people know that Girl Guides exist, but are entirely ignorant of their aims, ideals and methods. Lord Baden Powell, the founder of the movement, laid them down as follows:—

"The Girl Guide Movement has been incorporated by Royal Charter for the purpose of developing good citizenship among girls by forming their character, training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance; inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others; teaching them services useful to themselves; promoting their physical development; making them capable of keeping good homes and of bringing up good children. Its desire is to co-operate with educational and other bodies working to this end.

The method of training is to give the girls pursuits which appeal to them, such as games and recreative exercises, which lead them to learn for themselves many useful crafts. It is a scheme of younger and elder sisters playing games together, rather than the instruction of privates by officers in a cut and dried disciplinary machine, or by pupils, by school teachers in an academic curriculum."

Guide Movement World Wide. These aims and methods were originally meant for the girls of Britain, but it was not long before companies of Guide and Scouts sprang up in other countries, and to-day the Guide movement is to be found in every country of the world. There are 269,375 Foreign Guides; 518,826 Guides in Great Britain and 106,302 in the Overseas Dominions, making a world total of 894,503.

The Shanghai Association is a very small part of this great organization, but 358 is no mean total for foreign girls here. This total comprises 31 Guides and officers, 210 Rangers and Guides, and 117 Brownies. There are one Ranger Company, 7 Guide Companies and 7 Brownie Packs in the local association, the majority of which are connected with the various schools, but the Ranger Company and two Guide Companies are open to all girls of every nationality and hold their meetings in the Headquarters Room at 2 Peking Road, Room 305.

All Packs and Companies hold weekly meetings, at which the programmes are based on the four main aims of Guiding, viz:—character development, service, health, handicrafts. These programmes are arranged by the company Guides and Patrol Leaders of a committee meeting called a

Court of Honour, held prior to the weekly meeting.

Proficiency Badge Work.

Proficiency Badge work forms part of the regular routine, and girls are encouraged to earn the four badges necessary before the Test for First Class Guide may be taken, viz:—Cook, Child nurse—needlewoman—Ambulance or Sick Nurse. These badges are quite difficult to attain, requiring work spread over two or more years, and 15 per cent. marks are required for a pass. There are numerous other badges, covering handicrafts, domestic science, specialized knowledge, and hobbies, but the choice of these is left mainly to the girls themselves.

Much benefit is derived from inter-patrol competitions and games, the team spirit being emphasized and the desire of work for the honour of the patrol and not for self.

Handwork, Nature Study, Country Dancing, Drill and Singing all have their place in the programmes, so that a Guide needs to be pretty versatile. Fortunately the assistance of interested friends outside the Movement is very often available.

To encourage the individual to find ways of being useful and helpful to others, each company makes at least one combined effort to bring happiness to others. At Christmas time last year one Company gave a very delightful party to orphanage children, providing tea and presents out of their own none too well lined pockets. Another provided a destitute family with Christmas dinner and presents and provisions for days to come, whilst two others gathered together clothes and toys for a Baby Home. Deeds quickly and quietly done, but who can tell the benefit to givers and receivers?

Camping is Popular. Camping is very popular with all Companies, and owing to the Boy Scouts' Association, Millington Camp is available to the Guides one week end a month through the Spring and Summer months. Until one has camped with girls, it is impossible to realize fully the benefits that are derived from erecting a tent, chopping wood, lighting fires, cooking food, and attending to all Camp duties in turn, and above all tackling every job cheerfully. Camp has been the only holiday possible to some Shanghai girls, and has given them untold delight.

There are many annual Divisional activities, such as Sports Rally, Company Inspection, Swimming Gala, and events to help finances, the success of which during the past year have shown that Guiding in Shanghai is in a healthy and active state. The esprit de corps of the Division is wonderful, but as each Captain only sees her Guides for a short

BISHOP DEDICATES ROVER SCOUT CHAPEL.

The Bishop of Southwark recently dedicated the Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi, in the crypt of St. Luke's Church, West Norwood, as a Rover Scout Chapel.

The 8th South Lambeth Rover Scouts who have their Headquarters in the crypt of the Church are responsible for the work in the Chapel, the altar of which is a replica of the beautiful English altar in Southwark Cathedral. It is intended that as each Rover Scout in the 8th South Lambeth Rover Crew makes himself responsible for some definite Rover service, a shield symbolical of that service will be hung on the walls of the Chapel.

A CAMP FIRE.

First collect your firewood, always dry wood, never green branches or wood that has lain long on the ground.

Lay a few sticks flat on the ground. Then put bark, dry leaves and such things to start the fire going with. On top of this lay a few twigs and small pieces of dry wood. Then cover over this with larger sticks in a pyramid fashion. Finally, stand on the windward side, and put a match to your bark and dry leaves. When the fire is well alight, logs may be added. For cooking one needs plenty of red hot embers.

HOBBIES FOR SCOUTS.

The most popular gauge of model railways is gauge O, which is 1 1/4 in. The gauge of a railway is the distance between the inside faces of the lines. It is said that so small a gauge as 2 1/2 in. can pull its own train. The clockwork loco. is the most used by youngsters. It is always ready for immediate use, and its few controls are learned in a few moments. After purchasing a train and lines, it is easy to make articles such as small figures, a station, hooded lights, signals, and model railway sheds and bridges, etc. All these help to make your model railway very realistic. The small hooded lights need not be the same all the while, tiny globes may be fitted, and worked off the house supply of electricity. Perhaps a model steam engine is more realistic, these may be run on coal and charcoal.

At first a model railway may be purchased as a toy, but you become interested in it, and it quickly becomes a pastime, and from a pastime it develops into one of the most fascinating hobbies ever known.

time each week it is impossible for her to judge the full effect of Guiding on the girls, and the co-operation and interest of parents are desired in order to make Guiding here the development of the highest and finest in each Guide, which is the main aim of the Movement.—North China Sunday News.

CAMERA OBSCURA.

Scouts Will Like To Try This.

In the first place secure an ordinary cigar box and saw off half the lid. Now obtain a piece of looking glass that will just fit inside the box. Also obtain a piece of ground or frosted glass to take the place of the half-lid cut away.

With some glue or paste, fix the looking glass face upwards at the end of box, at an angle of 45 degrees. Now glue the ground glass to the top of the box, just over the mirror. Fix a small, cheap lens in a hole at the end of the box opposite the mirror to receive the lens; then fix in position with glue. To use, hold it so that the lens points towards the view. Screen away the light from the ground glass, and on it you will then have the view.

BARTER GUIDE FLAG.

In the St. George district, there is a flag, which was presented by Mrs. Barter, of Hurstville, in 1927, for the best all-round company in the district.

This flag was won in 1927 by Burdville, 1928 and 1929 by Bexley, and 1930 by Kogarah.

This year the competition took the form of a "field day." First of all, the companies were drilled in turn. After that, different patrols in each company were given certain "work" to do. One had to render first aid, the message being sent by "Morse" while another had to answer nature questions.

Next came ball games, e.g., over-head, tunnel, and cross ball, and then a relay race. After tea, there was a "camp fire," at which the results of the competition were given out. These were met with much enthusiasm from every company in the district, not least of which was the successful company—Kogarah.

SMOKE SIGNALS.

Smoke signals are most useful to a Scout when he is out of sight, or too far away to be seen. You must have a smoky fire (not the sort to boil the billy, or sit around for a yarn!).

To signal, you must cause the smoke to ascend at varied intervals—long and short, arranged according to your code. This you can regulate by stoking the fire with damp grass and leaves, and spreading a wet blanket, or old piece of carpet, or sacking over it, and remove it.

HEADQUARTERS FOR BATH SCOUTS.

Mr. Ronald Wills, Assistant District Commissioner of the Bath and District Boy Scouts Association, has provided the Association with rent-free headquarters. These consist of four rooms which Mr. Wills has had redecorated and furnished.

HEREFORDSHIRE SCOUT CHIEF RESIGNS.

Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Sleeman, who for eight years has been County Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of Herefordshire, has resigned, owing to the many calls made upon his time from outside the County. He has recently succeeded General Sir Havelock Charles as Chief Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade overseas, which will necessitate his absence from home during much of the year.

Lord Baden-Powell has appointed as Colonel Sleeman's successor Lieut.-Colonel C. M. Thornycroft, who was in charge of Arena Displays at last year's World Jamboree at Birkenhead.

ROTARY GIVE SCOUTS' CAMPING GROUND.

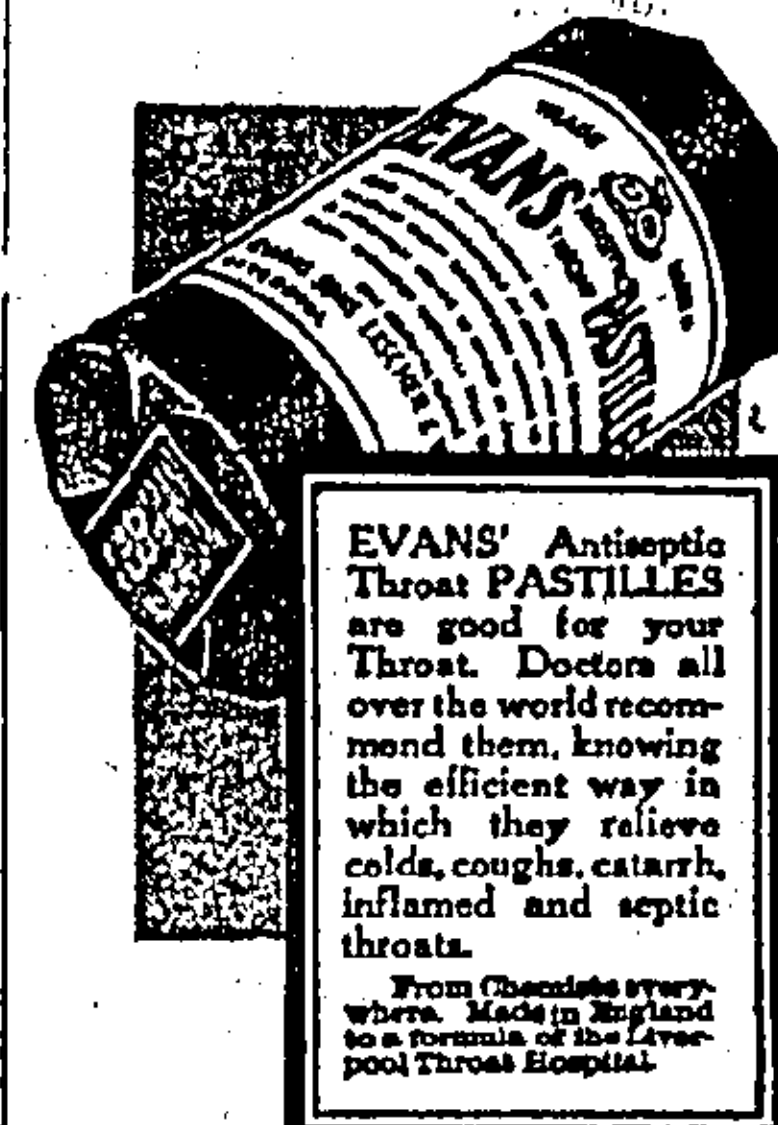
The Worthington Rotarians have secured a camping ground of some acres for presentation to the Boy Scouts. The ground is between Branthwaite and Loweswater in Cumberland.

HUDDERSFIELD'S SCOUTS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Huddersfield Boy Scouts Association it was announced that there had been a large increase in the Boy Scouts of the Association, the total increase for the Scout year just concluded being 599.

ON THE BALL, BABY!

Edinburgh Wolf Cubs, the junior Boy Scouts, at the Annual Sing-Song, presented Lady Glentanar, wife of Lord Glentanar, the Commissioner for Scotland, with a giant woolly ball for her little daughter.



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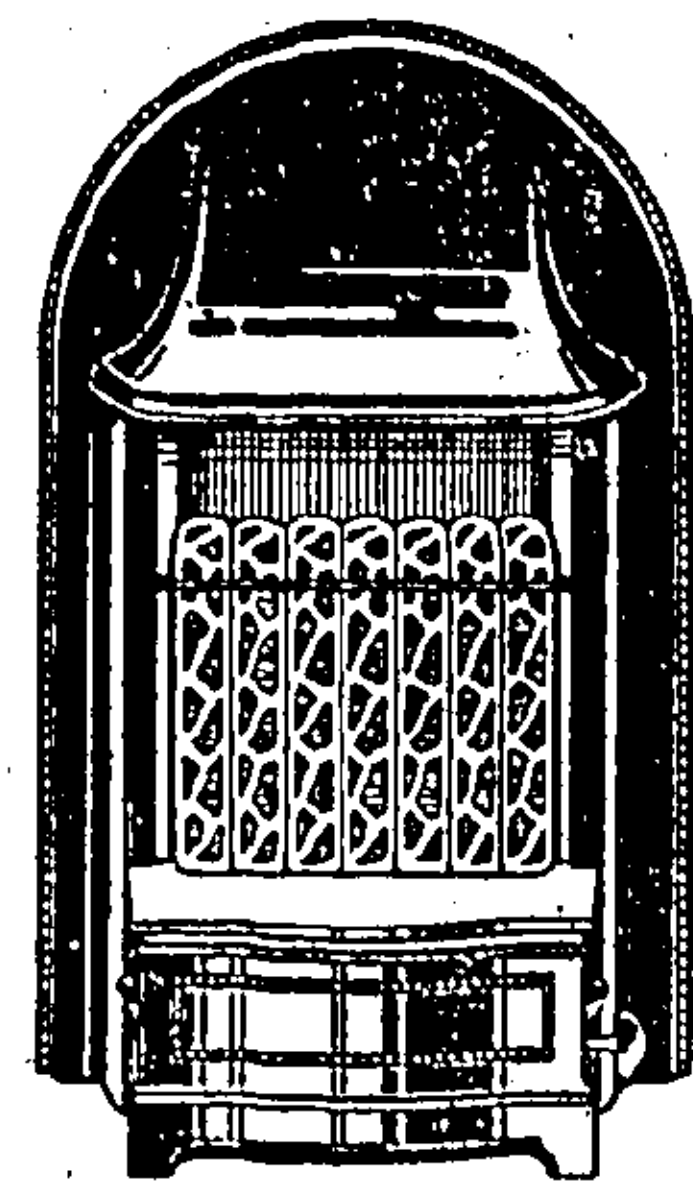
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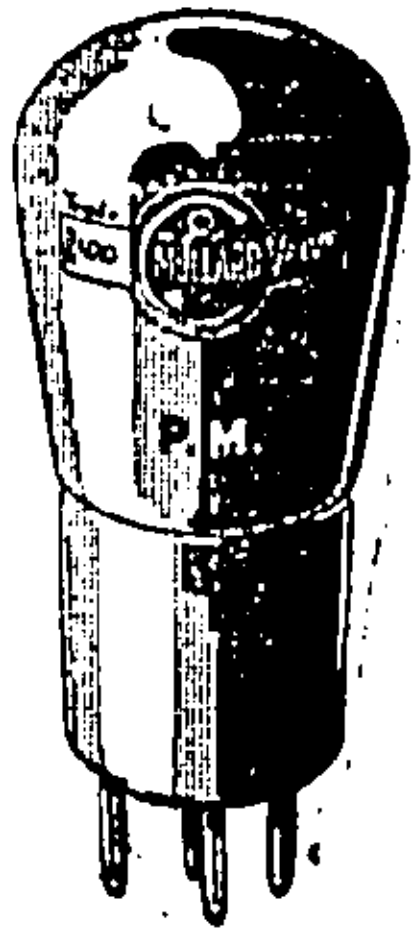
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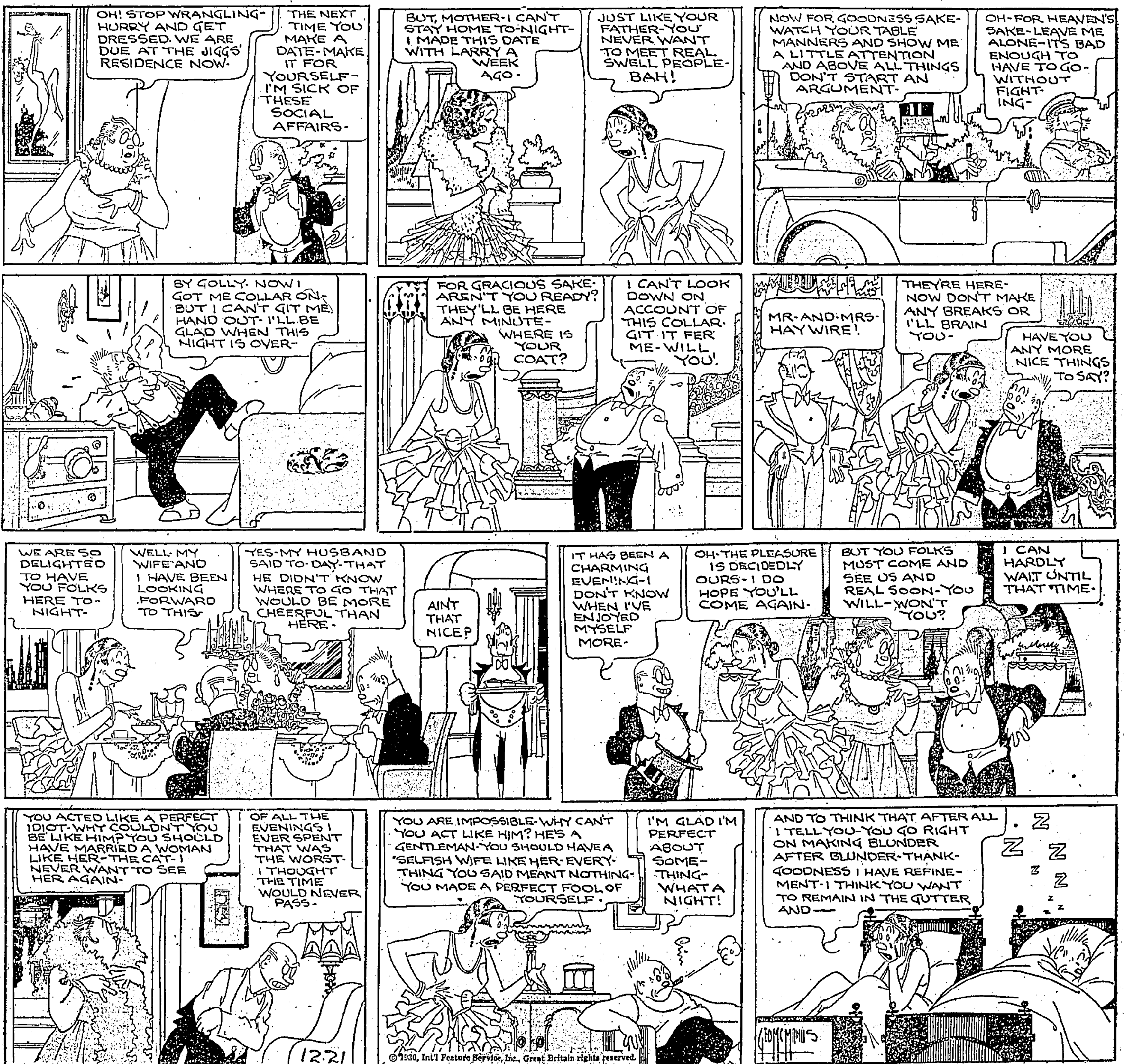
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FARRELL MEETS NEW HAZARD.

Rattlesnake Obstacle to Victory.

A NEAR THING.

Miami, Florida, Jan. 3. Johnny Farrell, former open golf champion, narrowly missed being bitten by a rattlesnake during the playing of the final round of the Miami open tournament here to-day.

The snake lay between Farrell and the ball as the player approached the fourteenth green. Being intent upon the ball, Farrell didn't see the snake until after it had struck at him and barely missed his leg. A player killed the snake with Farrell's niblick. Eddie Williams, Cleveland professional, won the tournament with a total of 144 for the 36 holes. He made 70 yesterday and 74 to-day.

Farrell returned cards of 74 yesterday and 73 to-day for a total of 147.—Associated Press.

CHAMPION JOCKEY ENTERTAINS.

Long Years of Anxious Waiting.

WEBSTER'S CARTOON

Fred Fox, the champion jockey, entertained a number of his fellow riders at the Pinedale Hotel.

It was a gathering of little men, men who had been dieting all the season, but on this occasion, spurred on by their long abstinence, they gave rein to their appetites and did full justice to such delicacies as caviare and turtle soup.

A Tom Webster cartoon, showing a disgruntled horse—Isthmus—saying, "Leading jockey, is he? Well, he could not have been so without me!" (Fox won the championship on Isthmus) caused roars of laughter.

Fox, who is 42, and had striven 28 years to win the championship, was toasted in champagne by his guests.

At the commencement, the company stood for a few seconds in silence in respect for the memory of Felix Leach, the trainer.

Mr. S. Galtrey, the chairman, said that Leach was a great fellow and a great sportsman. He explained that as many of the guests had come from a long distance, the dinner could not very well be postponed, especially as information had come from Newmarket that it was desirable to proceed.

MR. KAYE DON AGAIN TAKES TO SPEED.

World's Water Speed Record to Be Attacked.

IDEAL VENUE.

Belfast, Dec. 8. A picturesque five-mile stretch of water along the Ballyronan shore of Lough Neagh was definitely selected to-day as the venue for the speed trials in connection with the new attempt to be made on the world's water speed record by Mr. Kaye Don in Miss England II.

An examination of the course was carried out at the week-end by Mr. Fred Cooper, designer of the boat, which is owned by Lord Wakefield.

"It is a fine stretch of water," said Mr. Cooper, "and I think it will be ideal for the purpose of the trials."

Mr. Cooper returned to England this evening and will be back in Belfast with Mr. Kaye Don about the middle of January, when the trials will be made.

Altogether there will be a staff of about eight, including Mr. J. Wilcox, who was the only survivor of the accident on Lake Windermere.

KINGSFORD SMITH'S WEDDING.

Tremendous Enthusiasm in Melbourne.

FAMOUS AIRMAN.

Melbourne, December 9.

Traffic was held up here by an eager crowd of 10,000 people waiting to catch a glimpse of Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith and his bride, Miss Mary Powell, whose wedding was celebrated in the Scots Church to-day.

The bride wore a dress of white and silver, with a long tulle veil. Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith wore Air Force uniform.

The best man was Mr. Uim, who has accompanied Kingsford Smith on many of his flights, and the bride was attended by four bridesmaids. A number of Air Force officers who were present made an archway with their swords for the couple to pass through.

Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith has flown round the world. He was the first to cross the Pacific by air, has flown from Ireland to the United States, and made a record solo flight from England to Australia last October in 9 days 21 hours.

GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC GAMES OF 1940 FOR TOKYO?

DAVIS ECLIPSES HIS OWN SNOOKER RECORD.

THIRTEEN SPADES ARE REDOUBLED SUCCESSFULLY

TRIBUTE TO "JOHNNY WON'T HIT TO-DAY" DOUGLAS.

According to the Athletics. Asahi, a plan to hold the International Olympic Games in Tokyo in 1940 is already being discussed in interested quarters. The year 1940 being the 2,600th anniversary of the accession of the Jimmu Tenno, the first Emperor of Japan, to the Throne, it is expected that celebrations will be on an elaborate scale and it is proposed the efforts should also be made to get Tokyo chosen as the venue of the Olympic Games in that year. The next Games are to be held at Los Angeles in 1932 and the 1936 venue is likely to be either Germany or Spain.

Recently, the matter was discussed between Mr. Nagata, Mayor of Tokyo, and Dr. Yamamoto, when the Mayor of Tokyo is said to have expressed enthusiasm over the plan. If the plan materialises, the grounds and fields will be laid out on the reclaimed land at Shibaura.

A feature of the baseball season in America has been the partial eclipse of the famous home-runner, Babe Ruth, of the New York Yankees. Ruth's salary (\$15,000 a year) exceeds that of the president of the United States. "Home-run" hitting has been Ruth's forte. This season he has had only 47 home-runs against 54 scored by Wilson, Chicago. In 1914 Ruth was sold to Boston for \$6000. His present Club paid \$25,000 to get him back.

Mr. Ray Nunan, playing auction bridge at Montreal, was dealt a hand of thirteen spades, and was dubbed. He promptly redoubled. Then he just threw his hand on the table, says the British United Press, and marked up a score of 942-252 points below the line, 400 above for extra tricks, 100 for grand slam, 100 for the contract, and 90 for honours.

When informed at Darawalla of the loss of J. W. H. T. Douglas in a shipping disaster, Jack Hobbs said:—

"I hope that the worst has not happened and that we shall hear he is safe. If it's true that he's dead, no one will feel his loss more than I, because I have known him very well. I might say that we were great pals."

"I can imagine him pushing below in a heroic effort to save his father, because a more courageous fellow never stepped on a cricket field."

"I had three tours with him in Australia and one in South Africa, besides meeting him on the English cricket fields, and I am well aware of his qualities as a cricketer."

All my team mates join in an expression of great sorrow."

If the recommendation of the London Cycle Race promoters is adopted by the N.C.U. and made into a rule, riders who are late for their races may be fined.

This is an invariable practice on the Continent and at the recent conference the English champion, S. T. Cozens, was among the advocates for it to be in London.

The conference also decided to shorten all meetings and frame a panel of competent officials who can be relied upon to conduct meetings in a brisk and business-like manner.

The promoters also came to the conclusion that women's racing has done a great deal of harm to the sport in London. This, together with more important schemes for reconstruction, will be discussed at an adjourned meeting.

"Amateurism in its 1930 formula is impossible for France as it was impossible for England in 1926," declared Sir Frederick Wall, Secretary to the Football

Association, in an interview in the Paris "Auto."

He thought it would be a grave mistake for the French Football Federation to hesitate much longer in recognising professionalism. If they did not recognise it, professionalism would go into the hands of doubtful promoters, who would not be long in rendering football ignominious and impossible in France.

It was true that French football was flourishing magnificently, but it was no less true that it had arrived at a point at which English football stood in 1885, when professional football was officially recognised.

Mr. Jack Dunfee, the British racing motorist, was successful in a further attack on International "Class D" records on the Monthery track, near Paris. Driving the three-litre Sunbeam car with which he set up new long-distance records recently, Dunfee averaged over 126 miles per hour in establishing new figures for five kilometres, five miles, and ten miles. He also secured the fifty kilometres record. His speeds were:—

Five kilometres, 126.98 miles per hour.

BRITISH TOURISTS IN INDIA.

International Club Flag Flown for First Time.

"BUNNY" AUSTIN'S SUCCESS.

Calcutta, December 9. The International Club team returned to Calcutta to-day after their visit to Patna. Here, before the matches began, Sir Hugh Stephenson, Governor of Bihar and Orissa Province, in the presence of European and Indian spectators, unfurled the International Club flag, then being flown for the first time in India.

In introducing the Governor, the Chief Justice, Sir Courtney Terrell, president of the Provincial Lawn Tennis Council, said that the flag symbolised good will among nations, which was generated through the agency of a cosmopolitan pastime.

Calcutta, December 29. Before a large crowd "Bunny" Austin appeared at his best when he defeated E. D. Andrews by 6-2, 7-5, 6-1, in the final of the Calcutta championship.

The New Zealander forgot that Austin thrives on speed, and his only points were gained when he resorted to lobbing and slicing.

In the mixed doubles final L. Brooke Edwards and Miss Jenny Sandison, beat D. A. Hodges and Mrs. Stork, 6-1, 6-3.

Calcutta, January 1. India was not disgraced in the international tennis match against Great Britain although the visitors won "by seven" matches to two.

Details for the Singles. Austin beat E. V. Bobb, 6-3, 6-3; and beat Sohan Lal, 7-5, 6-2.

Andrews lost to M. Sleem, 6-2, 7-5; and beat E. V. Bobb, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles. Shamsheer Singh and D. N. Kapoor beat Wallis Myers and Olliff, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Austin and Olliff beat Brooke Edwards and Hodges, 6-0, 9-7.

Andrews and Horn beat C. Ramaswami and Ahad Hussain, 6-4, 10-8.

DO NOT MISS THE DETAILLED ACCOUNT OF THE E.C.C. v. I.R.C.

Cricket Match

The China Mail

ON MONDAY

AMERICAN PRESTIGE CHALLENGED.

British Boxers in Search of U.S. Titles.

HARVEY'S PROBABLE MATCH.

Len Harvey is to be given a chance of winning the world's middle-weight championship. It is the intention of the American Board of Control to stage an eliminating contest between Dave Shade and the coloured boxer, Harry Smith, and the winner probably will be called upon to meet Len Harvey, who is going to the United States.

The winner of the second bout will be the official challenger to Mickey Walker, who, in spite of the fact that he has been fighting among the light-heavyweights recently, is ready to defend his title.

Harvey already has gained a verdict over Shade, and it is not expected that Harry Smith will intercept a second meeting between them in New York.

There are two other British boxers whose claims to title fights are recognised by America—Kid Berg in the light-weight division and Teddy Baldock in the bantams.

With three British fighters holding strong claims to world titles and Carnera menacing the heavy-weights, American supremacy in boxing is more seriously being challenged than has been the case for many years.

STEVE DONOGHUE WINS.

First Ride in Jamaica After His Accident.

SHORT HOLIDAY.

Kingston (Jamaica), Dec. 9. Steve Donoghue rode Nun Nicer to victory at Knutsford Park races here. His mount, owned by Mr. B. C. Olliphant, won by six lengths. Donoghue left England last month for Jamaica. He will also visit Cuba, Florida, and New York, before returning to England for the start of the flat racing season. He is again to ride as first jockey to Sir Victor Sassoon.

Donoghue broke a leg in a fall during a race at Nottingham in August and was unable to ride for the rest of last season.

Military duty is likely to bring K. M. Wright to China. It will be remembered he was capped in all four Rugby international matches for Scotland in the 1928-29 season.

Joe Davis, the English champion, beat his own world's snooker record break at Leicester recently, when he had an effort of 105. The break was made up of 9 blacks, 3 blues, 2 pinks, and 15 reds. The previous best was 101 made by Davis against Lindrum in November.

Two interesting figures in Sydney tennis circles just now are the Japanese players, Ichikawa and Nakamura, who made their bow in the metropolitan championships. Nakamura, who has been in Australia little more than a year, is the holder of an inter-University title in his own country.

Unlike the majority of his countrymen, who favour an exaggerated top spin on their drives, Nakamura chops almost every ball. His unorthodoxy, more than anything else, enabled him to extend Alan Hall, one of our leading veterans, who had no effective counter to the chops.

Ichikawa, who learnt to play tennis in Australia, has developed rapidly, and his sporting activities do not rest at tennis. He is the present holder of the N.S.W. ping pong title. Both are members of a Mosman Club.

The Joint Committee of British and American yachtsmen, which met in New York after the conclusion of the races for the America's Cup, and when were successful in coming to unanimous agreement upon certain modifications to the rules of yacht measurement, have presented their reports to their respective governing bodies.

These reports must both be accepted before the amended rules finally become racing law in both countries. The report of the British side has already been accepted by the yachting authorities in Britain. The American committee's report will come before the New York Yacht Club's annual meeting.

It is confidently expected that the good work done by these committees in New York will result in establishing the sport of international yacht racing upon a basis which will give complete uniformity and satisfaction on both sides of the Atlantic.

GREAT OPENING OF SWIMMING TOUR.

Dutch Girls Lower Two African Records.

GREAT STYLE.

Cape Town, Dec. 10. A team of Dutch women swimmers opened their tour of South Africa here in sensational fashion this evening, lowering two South African records. Miss Joyce Cooper's 200 yards free-style record of 2min. 31sec. was beaten by Miss M. Braun, of Rotterdam, who covered the distance in 2min. 26sec., and Miss Ellen King's 100 yards breast-stroke record was beaten by Miss C. Huybers in 1min. 22.3/5sec. better than Miss King's time.

THE ADVENT OF NEW GOLF BALL.

Great Golfers Play an Interesting Test.

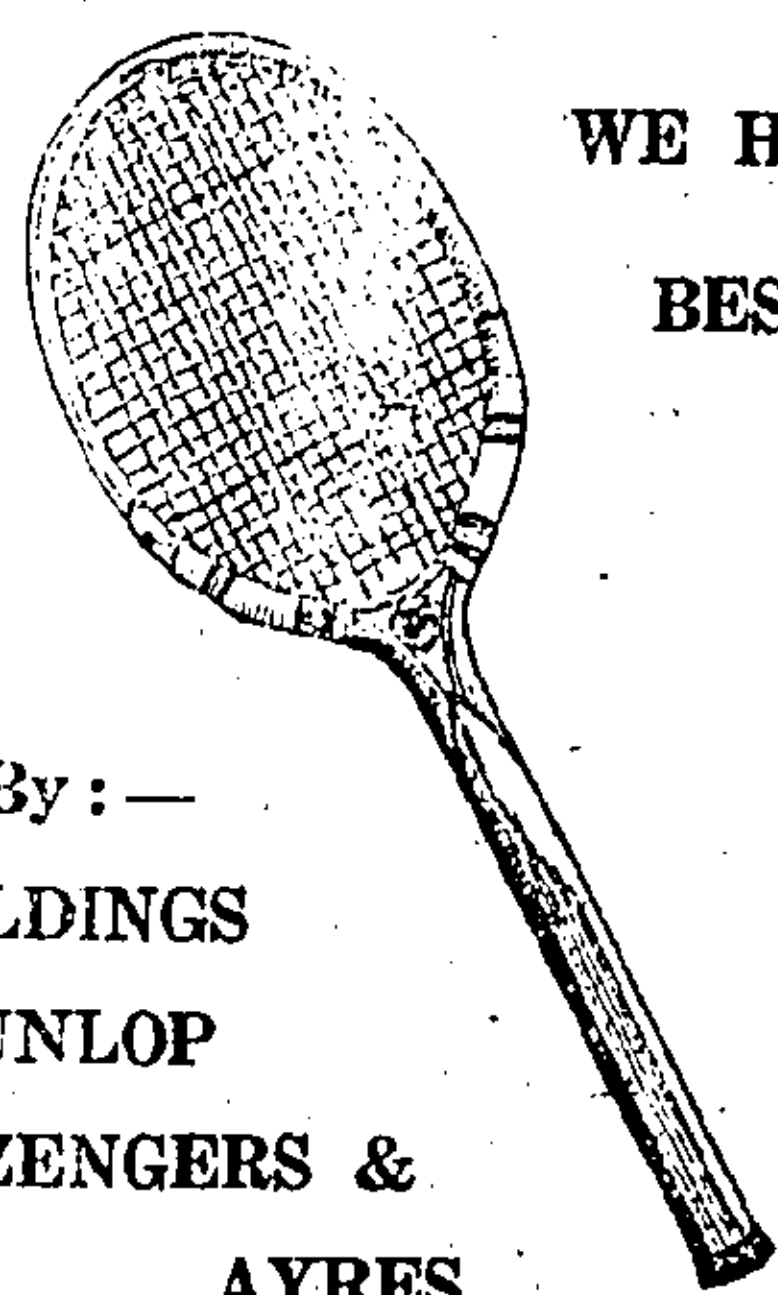
COTTON'S BIG WIN.

Considerable interest was evinced by golfers in a match between T. H. Cotton and Mitchell at the Brockenhurst Manor course, New Forest, recently, in which the bigger and lighter ball standardised in America on January 1, was used. The result was a surprising one, Cotton being victorious by the overwhelming margin of 10 and 8. This is the biggest defeat Mitchell ever has sustained in a match of importance.

Cotton played superbly, while Mitchell was all at sea with the new ball, which, in the high wind blowing across the course, he appeared unable to control. Definite results showed that down wind the big ball made no difference in the matter of distance, but against the wind there was a loss of 25 yards. Inaccuracies in striking were accentuated, control of shot becoming an essential factor in almost every respect. Cotton had a better command of the ball in conditions that were unfavourable.

Cotton accomplished what must be considered the magnificent score of one over 4.5. Cotton started with a couple of 3's, and from that point took command of the game. He was six up at the end of the first eighteen holes, and although losing the first hole in the afternoon, Cotton was eight up at the sixth, and becoming dormy nine, won the match at the tenth, where Mitchell drove into a bush. While Cotton putted brilliantly Mitchell made many grievous mistakes on the greens.

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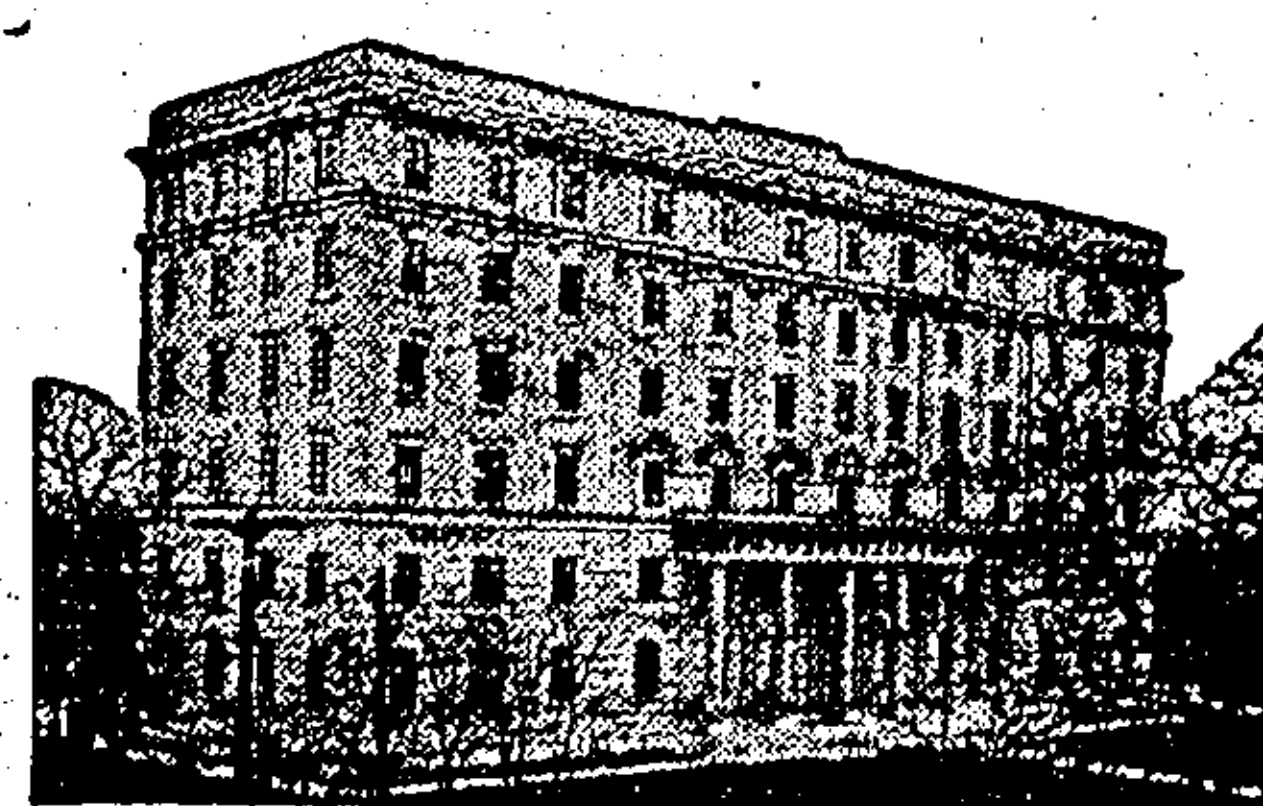
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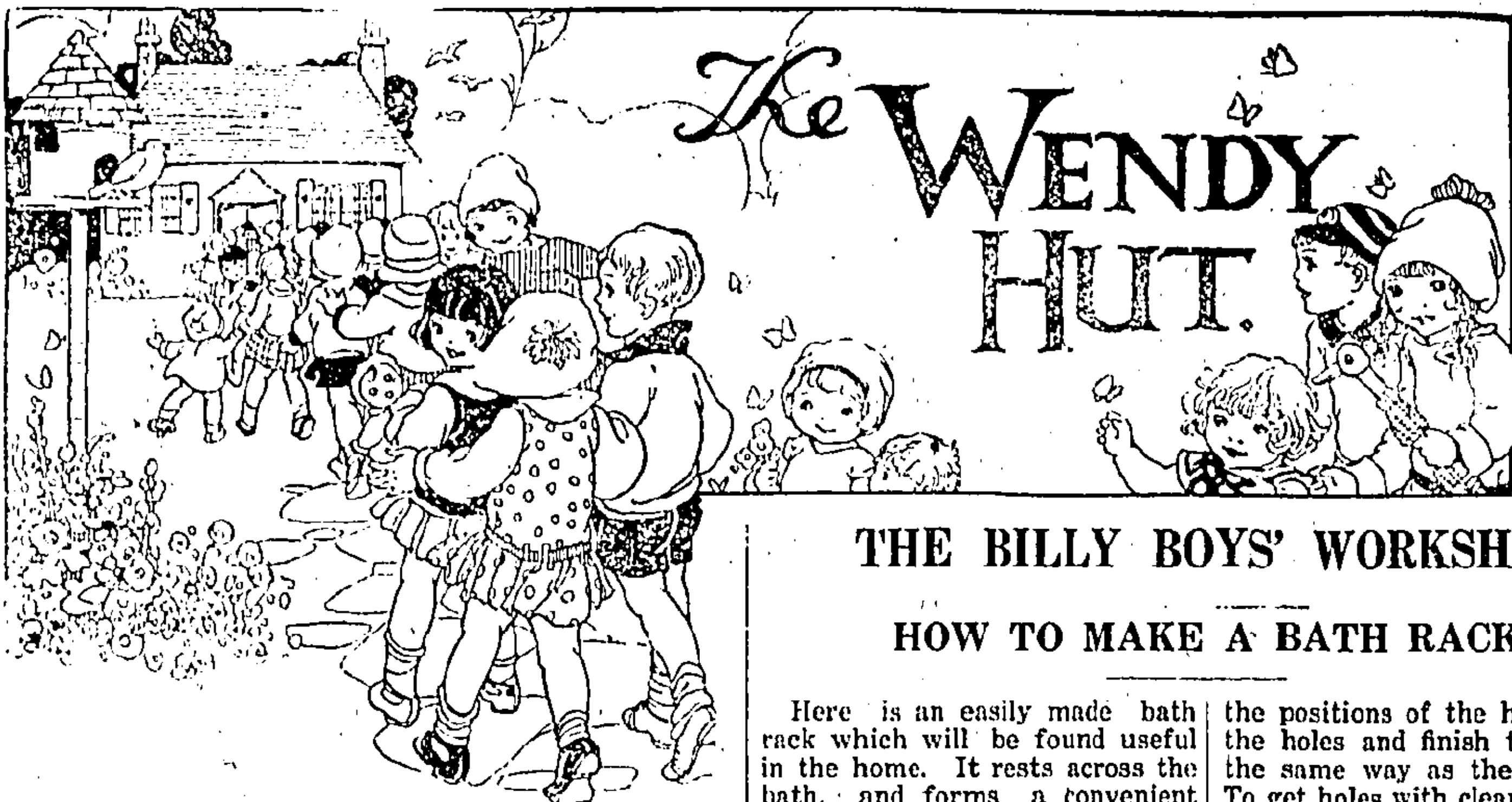
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BOYS OF LONG AGO.

GWYDION.

They called him Gwydion, son of the red deer, son of the thrush, but they did not know why they called him by this strange name. Perhaps it was because their ancestors had worshipped images of the mountain creatures—for men who live in the bleak, desolate mountains develop strange but beautiful ideas.

Gwydion lived on Snowden, and he was fourteen years old when Caractacus was taken by the Romans and carried captive to Rome. The news of this disaster seemed to come to Gwydion on the breath of the wind, and, taking his harp, he lifted his voice and sang.

"I Gwydion, tell you, O mountains, that this land of brothers will never be conquered. Enemies will come from the north and from the south; they

Then the general sent soldiers to fetch Gwydion, and the boy went to meet them. He was clothed in a sheep skin, on his head he wore a wreath of ivy, and he played on his rough wooden harp as he ran down the mountain side with a strange light in his brown eyes. Gwydion possessed far greater power than that of the sword, and he knew it.

He showed no fear when taken before the Roman, but he smiled at the captives herded behind stakes, desolate and miserable. "Boy, it is said that you are a prophet," said the general, "Prophecy good for me and I will set you free."

"I am free," replied Gwydion, and, taking his harp, he sang.

First he sang of the glory of Wales; then his voice rose and he called to the mountains, to



"Gwydion lived on Snowden, and he was fourteen years old when Caractacus was taken by the Romans."

will capture our eagles, but not the home of the eagles. We, the sons of Wales, will answer for this, our own land, till the sun sets for ever on the earth!" Gwydion's voice was like that of a magic flute. The Romans down in the camp heard it, and asked their numerous prisoners who it was that sang so joyfully.

"Gwydion the bard, son of the red deer, son of the thrush," they answered. "He was born on the mountain; he lives alone, and even the wolves harm him not. He carries no spear, and he speaks all the words that come into his mouth, changing them into song."

WENDY'S LITTLE COOKS.

Currant Biscuits.

Put one teacupful of white granulated sugar and one of butter into a basin; cream the two together with a wooden spoon, then add one beaten egg. Mix well, and add two teacupful of flour into which you have stirred half a cupful of currants. Beat to a fairly stiff paste, using more flour or a very little milk, as required.

The currants must be washed, and dried in a cloth or on a tin before the fire, before being mixed with the flour.

Roll the paste on a board, cut it into rounds with the top of a wine glass, place the biscuits on a greased tin and bake for about ten minutes in a hot oven.

FOR THE TINKER PARTY.

Now for a suggestion that will doubtless be appreciated by mothers arranging parties for their little ones. The hostess arranges a small card table, with sweets, fruits, cakes, etc., in the form of a bazaar stall in one corner of the room, and acts as saleswoman. But before the purchases can be made the guests will require coins for the purpose, and these should be arranged in the form of a hide and seek game to be enjoyed before testing the delights of the possessions on the stall.

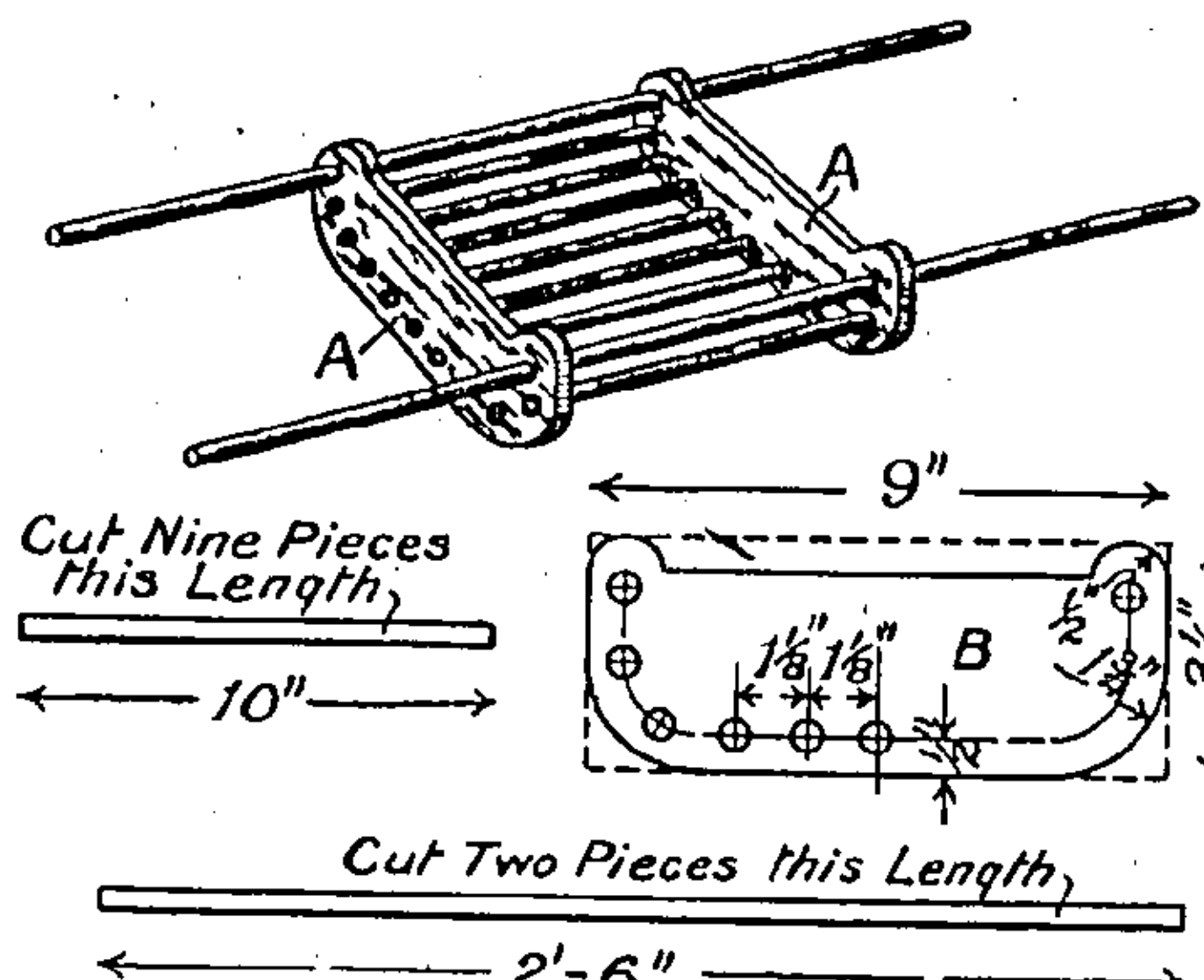
THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP

HOW TO MAKE A BATH RACK.

Here is an easily made bath rack which will be found useful in the home. It rests across the bath, and forms a convenient holder for sponges.

Round wooden rods, known as dowel rods, are held in place by two pieces A.A., thus forming a kind of basket. Use ordinary white wood, half-inch thick, for these end pieces, which are nine

the positions of the holes. Drill the holes and finish this side in the same way as the other one. To get holes with clean-cut edges, drill each from one side of the wood till the point of the bit is just showing through on the other side. Then turn the wood over, use the small hole for the point of the bit, and finish from that side.



The bath-rack as it will look when you have finished it—if you follow Carpenter's instructions, which the diagrams will help you to understand.

inches long and three and a half inches wide. Carefully mark out the curved corners on one piece, as shown at B, and also a line half an inch from the sides and bottom edge. Mark the centres of the holes, exactly one-and-one-eighth inches apart, along this line, starting from the centre one near the bottom edge. Make the holes with a brace and half-inch centre bit, and then cut round the curved parts with a pad-saw. Remove any roughness with a chisel and finish with glasspaper. Place this side on the other piece of wood, and, with a pencil, mark out on it the curved corners and

You will require some half-inch dowel rods, sufficient to give you nine ten-inch lengths; you will need also two pieces each thirty inches long.

To fix the parts together, glue the ends of the short rods into the holes in the side pieces, any projecting ends afterwards being chiselled flush and glasspapered over. Push the long rods in place, so that equal lengths project at either end, and fix each rod with two fine wire nails, one driven through each end piece.

To complete the rack, give it two coats of white enamel.

The Hut Carpenter.

A WEIRD SIGHT.

The clear moon swung high in the sky shedding a ghostly glow on the hillside and on the black pine wood behind. He had seen many strange sights on his night prowls, but none so weird as this.

A fox peeped furtively out of his den ready to pounce upon an unwary duckling which was wandering over the hill-side. The night was a strange one, for the little house on the hilltop, which had long been uninhabited, was illuminated with little twinkling lights.

A fairy flew swiftly over the moon's face and disappeared just at the little house. The moon shed its rays through the small latticed windows and revealed a wonderful sight.

The cottage was filled with little men of Fairyland and fairies with wings of wonderful hues. Every one was feasting and little gnomes were playing haunting fairy music on silver flutes.

Outside a dog was prowling over the hill, suddenly it gave a low growl as a little old woman came hobbling over the grass. It burst into furious barking and immediately the witch disappeared.

ed: the lights in the cottage flashed out; and the dog dashed over the black hillside. The moon swung high in the sky once more, and was left alone with his thoughts.

WHY HE PRAYS.

When Dad took Tom to Parliament House, Tom was interested when the Speaker read the prayers.

"Does he pray for the members?" he asked.

"No," replied Dad; "he looks at the members and prays for the country."

EMBLEM OF WAR.

"Dad," said little Tommy, "teacher told us that the olive-branch was an emblem of peace. What is an emblem of war?"

"Orange blossom!" came the weary reply.

HELPED DADDY!

Teacher: Who did your sums last night, Tommy?

Tommy: Father.

Teacher: Quite alone?

Tommy: No, I helped him.

THE FISHERMAN AND THE MERMAID.

A Tale for the Tinkies.

Once upon a time, a beautiful little mermaid saw a net hanging in the sea, and she wondered what it was. Her home was in the very deep waters, and she had never seen a net before, so she crept into this strange thing.

Suddenly she was drawn to the top of the water, and then, to her horror, she found herself in a boat with a young fisherman. The fisherman looked at her in amazement, and so delighted was he at having caught a mermaid that he began to row swiftly home.

"Please put me back into the water," begged the little mermaid in her low, sweet voice.

"You got into my net of your own accord," replied the fisherman, "Therefore you belong to me!"

"Be kind! Throw me back, as you do the little fishes which are of no use to you," she pleaded.

"But you will be very useful," laughed the fisherman. "I am poor, and you can clean my house for me, and I will teach you to cook."

So distressed was the mermaid that she could not utter another word, and when she saw the fisherman's house she shuddered. As she sat near the hearth looking fearfully round, the young man brought her a bowl of milk, but the mermaid shook her head. She was very lovely, with her soft gold hair and great green eyes like sad jewels, and at last the fisherman felt sorry for what he had done.

"I cannot keep you a prisoner," he said. "Come, I will take you back to the sea."

In gratitude, the mermaid burst into tears. And so the fisherman learnt the secret of the deep—that mermaids' tears are pearls.

"I knew you didn't know," sobbed the little mermaid. "And I blinked them back in case you kept me here to cry riches for you. Now you are a rich man because you have been kind."

All round the hearth were exquisite pearls, and the bottom of the boat was filled with them as the fisherman rowed the mermaid out to sea.

"Little mermaid," he whispered, "Do not weep any more, or I can never enjoy these riches."

"Oh," she laughed, "I'm only poking my finger in my eye now—to thank you!"

WENDY'S LITTLE DRESSMAKERS.

An Outfit For A Baby Doll.

A Wendy Lady wants to make an outfit for a baby doll, so here goes!

The Robe is made of white spot muslin. It is cut in two pieces: a little magyar-yoked bodice like the upper part of Diagram A, and a long gathered skirt. Cut out the bodice—you must measure the doll to get the size—sew up the side seams, and gather the sleeve-ends into



Diagrams to help you make the baby doll's outfit about which Dressmaker tells you to-day.

tiny cuffs. Sew up the side seams of the skirt, hem the bottom, gather the top, and join it to the bodice. Diagram C gives you an idea how the finished frock ought to look.

You can make a white flannel petticoat in exactly the same way, but let it be without sleeves.

A straight piece of white woolen cloth, joined into a tube, with two shoulder-straps of ribbon, like Diagram F, will do for the vest.

Now we will see about the outdoor garments—a cosy flannel cape and a quaint little bonnet. The cape is a semi-circle of material, with a neck opening cut out of the straight edge, as shown in diagram C. Hem it all round, and bind the neck with ribbon, leaving ends to tie; a little flower-embroidery on each of the front points in cream silk will make a dainty trimming.

The bonnet is another semi-circle of muslin like Diagram D. The straight edge goes round the doll's forehead, and the curve is gathered up to fit the back of the head, as shown in Diagram E. Tiny, rosettes of ribbon, and streamers to tie under the chin complete the little bonnet.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

Last week we drew two letters—EN and an inn sign. If you put EN before sign, you made the quite common word "Ensign" which was hidden in the puzzle. Full solution:—

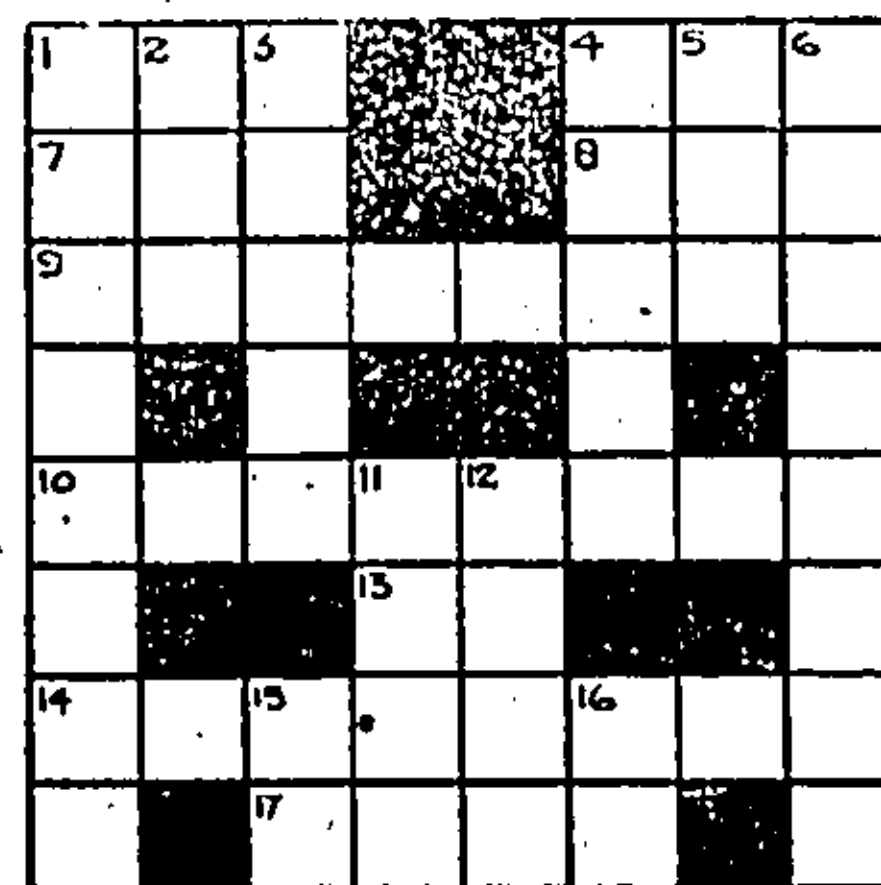
Across.

1. Hurried (Hastened).
5. Animal (Ox).
6. Pronoun (She).
9. Help (Aid).
11. Hidden word (Ensign).
15. Have the courage (Dare).
17. Behold! (Lo).
19. Pronoun (Me).
20. Pronoun (He).
21. Girl's name (Ada).
23. A colour (Tan).
24. Pulls to pieces (Destroys).

Down.

1. Possesses (Has).
2. Preposition (To).
3. Prefix meaning "formerly" (Ex).
4. Transacted (Did).
7. Pronoun (He).
8. Termination (End).
9. Grow old (Age).
10. Preposition (In).
12. Boy's name (abbreviated) (Sam).
13. Anger (Ire).
14. Pleased (Glad).
16. Used for writing (Pens).
18. Poem (Ode).
20. Cut and dried grass (Hay).
22. Because (As).
23. Same as 2 down (To).

The queer drawing at the side of this week's puzzle represents the name of a game which is played with oblong pieces of bone with dots on them. If you think hard enough, I am sure you will discover the name which is, of course, hidden in the puzzle.



Can you guess what game this represents?

Clues:—

Across.

1. Torn fragment of cloth.
4. Form of address.
7. Girl's name.
8. Prefix meaning "before."
9. Hidden name.
10. Helped.
13. Musical note.
14. Boys and girls.
17. Give food to.

Down.

1. Shining light.
2. Fuss.
3. Sports.
4. Part of a kettle.
5. Anger.
6. Dweller (in house, town, etc.).
11. Small island.
12. May be right or left.
15. Whether.
16. Thoroughfare (abbreviated).

TO A GREEDY BOY.

This is, as oft we hear, the age of youth—Insurgent youth whose triumph is complete—

When parties who are longer in the tooth

Must be contented with a far-back seat,

Seeing that modern children's souls are packed

With all the virtues which their parents lacked.

But when I watch you, Alfred, at a meal

And notice how your glistening eyeballs range

Over the dainties there set forth, I feel

That human nature does not greatly change,

While your capacity is quite as big

As that of any small, Victorian pig.

Such havoc as you make of all good cheer!

Your hunger is but equalled by your thirst.

And, as the cakes and pastries disappear,

Almost I wonder that you do not burst.

That last meringue, indeed, should do the trick

But, marvellously, still you are not sick.

So, Alfred, when I see you stuff and stuff

Like the embodiment of childish greed

And wonder when you will have had enough.

I am not peeved. I give myself, indeed,

A gentle and commendatory pat.

Saying, "At least I never gorged like that!"

—Touchstone in the "Morning Post."

An Indoor Race.

Each player has a spoon and an orange, and a plate is put at one end of the room. Players stand in a row, and at the word "go" they make their way to the plate, rolling the oranges along the floor with their spoons. The player who rolls his or her orange into the plate first is the winner.

DISCONTENT CURED.

An old woman lived on a hill with a dog and a duck. She was very discontented and wished she lived in a castle. One moonlight night she heard a dreadful row, and going out to see what had happened she beheld a funny sight.

A fox was peeping out of a hole in the hillside, and the duck and the dog walking round and round it. She was amazed at the duck not running away from the fox. As she hobbled towards them, a fairy flew behind her to the cottage. It was all a fairy plot to teach the discontented woman a lesson.

When the woman turned round she was astonished to find, in place of her cottage, a fine castle. The old woman hobbled towards it quite at ease.

A maid let her in, and taking her into a room, asked her if she would have dinner. She then brought her celery soup. The old woman not liking it wanted nothing more.

The maid then told her some people were waiting to see her. They came in and started to talk about things which the old woman knew nothing about.

She wished herself back in her cottage, and found she was in bed; the duck was quacking to get to the village pond, and the dog barking for its breakfast.

Whether it was a dream or not, it taught the discontented woman she was far happier in her cottage.

"TO-MORROW."

It was Willie's first railway journey, and the train had just entered a tunnel, when it rushed into the open again and a small voice was heard to exclaim: "Lumme! It's to-morrow!"

IRISH PROFESSOR.

"Go to your room," commanded the professor to the unruly student, "lock yourself in, and bring me the key. I intend to keep you in all the evening."

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IS HE PICKPOCKET?

SUSPECT REMAINED IN KOWLOON.

A case of alleged pick-pocketing was tried by Mr. Butters this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy when Wong Kau was charged with stealing a purse containing \$10 from Chan Sun, a rice shop foki. Inspector Fallon said that complainant was looking into a shop window, when defendant brushed against him and extracted his purse. On being noticed, defendant dropped the purse, and it was immediately picked up by another man, who ran away. Chan Sun seized the defendant and a melee ensued ending in the latter being arrested. Evidence was given by a district watchman who heard the alarm and arrested the man. Defendant denied the charge and said that he was assaulted by complainant and another man. A remand of 48 hours in police custody was granted to allow defendant to produce a witness named Chan Kau who was present at the scene of the affair.

LIBERIA SLAVERY.

TRAFFIC TO BE STOPPED BY GOVERNMENT.

Geneva, Yesterday. The Liberian representative to the League of Nations writes to the local press that, immediately upon receipt of the League Commission's report in September, the Liberian Government took steps to remove the cause of complaints, mentioned therein, as to continued slave traffic in Liberia.—Reuter.

[It was reported on January 7 that the United States was making representations to Liberia on the question of these slavery allegations.]

TWO WINDFALLS.

SIR T. LIPTON'S GIFT TO GLASGOW.

Rugby, Yesterday. Sir Walter Runciman, the shipowner, has given £25,000 to Newcastle Infirmary for an extension of the Nurses' Home; and Sir Thomas Lipton has presented \$10,000 to Glasgow for assistance of poor mothers and children, in memory of his mother and in gratitude to his native city.—British Wireless Service.

DOG RACING.

TO BE ABOLISHED IN SHANGHAI.

CHINESE OPPOSITION.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Municipal Council, after a long controversy, has decided to abolish dog racing in the International Settlement as from March 31. The decision is fully supported by the British Consul. The Council is prepared to take over the leases of the dog tracks of the two companies concerned, and will give consideration to cases of individual hardship of employees. The companies have been informed that in view of opposition by the Chinese to this form of gambling in Shanghai, the political aspect of the question, in addition to other objectionable features, has become a matter of grave concern. Dog racing in the French Concession is under control of the French Council, and is not affected.—Reuter.

A CAT BURGLAR.

"I went there to steal a pair of trousers, so that I could pawn them, and get some money to buy food" was the excuse offered by a Chinese, who was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell in the Central Police Court with being a rogue and vagabond.

Detective-Sergeant Meadows said that the defendant climbed up to the first floor verandah of a house in Hau Wo Street, West Point, by means of a drain pipe. Having admitted a previous conviction, defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

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CHOLERA EXPERT.

DEATH OF DR. WALDEMAR HAFKINE.

Dr. Waldemar Hafkine, the famous bacteriologist, who in the early part of this century, perfected inoculation against cholera and plague, and thereby saved many thousands of lives in India, has died in Lausanne at the age of 70. Dr. Hafkine's early life was spent at Odessa; from 1889 to 1893 he acted as assistant to Pasteur in Paris, then he went to India. He refused to protect the prophylactic which he perfected there, but gave away his rights in it to the Indian Government for the common good. Once during the war Dr. Hafkine was called into consultation by the Government. It was at a moment of crisis, when our troops in the Near East were gravely threatened by cholera, typhoid, and dysentery. Thanks to the advice given by Dr. Hafkine and other authorities, the danger, which nearly brought about a complete withdrawal of the British forces, was averted.

EMPIRE TOUR.

PUBLIC SCHOOLBOYS TO VISIT WEST INDIES.

Rugby, Yesterday. The sixth Public School Empire tour began yesterday, when a party of boys left for the West Indies and British Guiana, sailing from Avonmouth on the s.s. Camito.—British Wireless Service.

STORM IN PEKING.

TEMPERATURE DROPS WELL BELOW ZERO.

Peking, Yesterday. Following a comparatively mild winter hitherto, the fiercest north-western dust storm for years is sweeping Peking. The temperature has dropped below zero Fahrenheit and a number of deaths of beggars and others are already reported.—Reuter.

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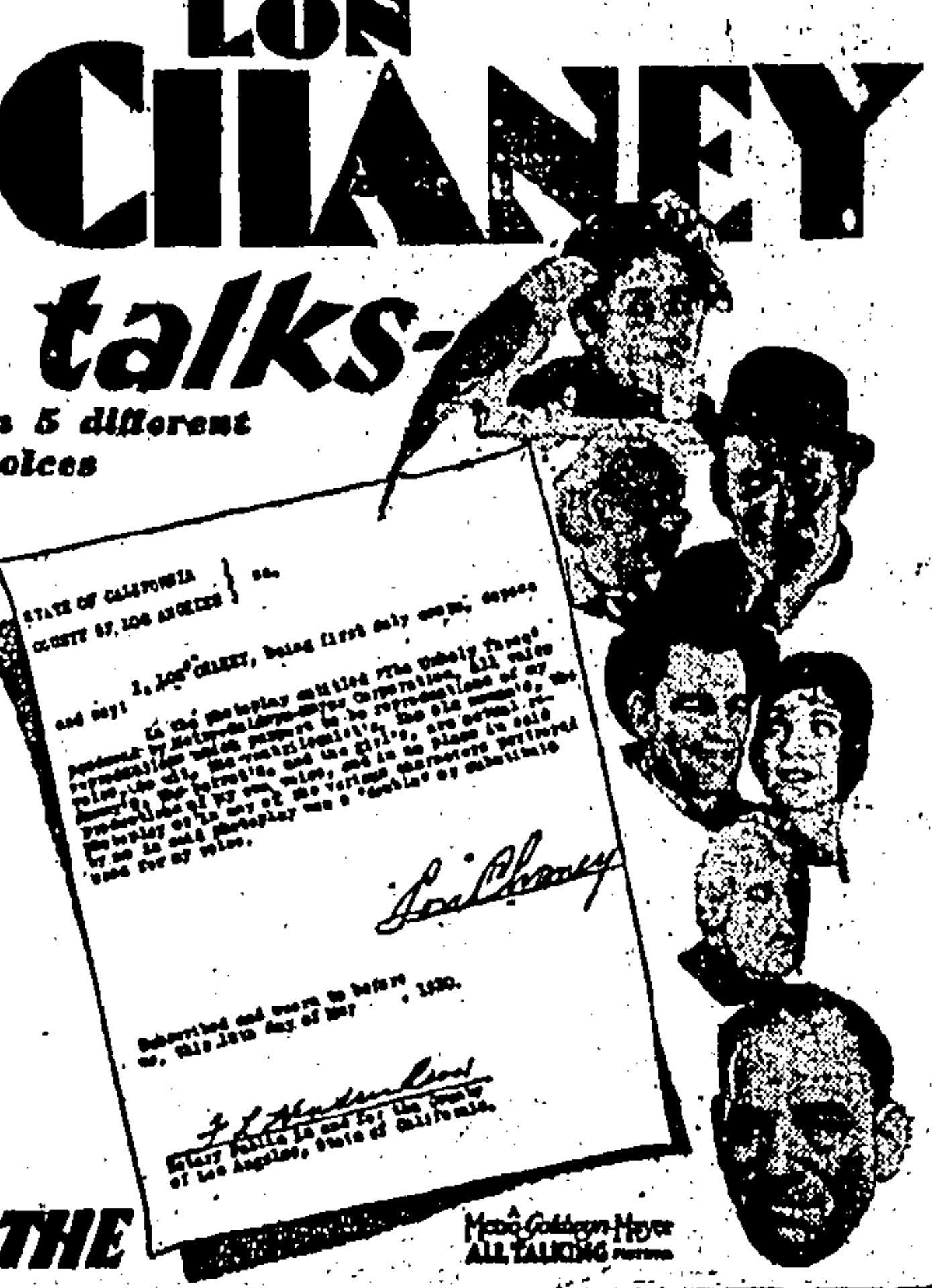
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